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Jobless rate falls below 10 per cent

New total of 2,714,000 is lowest for five years

- **Unemployment last month fell below 10 per cent for the first time in more than five years**
- **Mr Norman Fowler predicted further falls, despite the expected slowdown in the economy**
- **Mrs Thatcher hailed a new age of prosperity for Britain and said it had its highest ever standard of living**
- **Financial markets were boosted by a narrowing of the US trade deficit and growing hopes of an early budget deal**

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Unemployment fell sharply again last month to push the jobless rate below 10 per cent for the first time in more than five years.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, predicted a further fall in unemployment, in spite of the expected slowdown in the economy.

"It's a strong position," he said at a briefing yesterday. "I believe we are going to see a continued fall in unemployment. I expect the trend to go on downwards."

But Mr Fowler also issued a warning to the workers involved in pay disputes at Ford and Vauxhall. "It is absolutely vital that this country remains competitive," he said, adding that he refused to accept that pay settlements in the current pay round would be higher than last time.

The unemployment total, seasonally adjusted, fell by 58,400 to 2,714,900 last month, its biggest drop since May. Department of Employment officials estimate that the downward trend in unemployment is running at 50,000 a month, close to the average monthly fall over the previous six months.

The unemployment rate — the jobless total as a percentage of the working population — fell from 10 per cent in September to 9.8 per cent last month, the first time it has been below 10 per cent since July 1982.

This compares with a peak of 11.6 per cent in June, July and August of last year.

The drop in the unemployment rate to less than 10 per cent is important symbolically. It owes something to the change in the basis of calculating the unemployment rate. On the old, narrower basis the adjusted rate would have been about 11 per cent.

But the Department of Employment has recalculated the figures going back to 1971 on the new basis, and so all comparisons with earlier years are valid.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, welcomed the fall in unemployment but said: "It is worrying that even with the growth rate of 4 per cent, the Government has only managed cut by one fifth the unemployment that it created.

"The Government's latest attempt at cutting unemployment figures by extending benefit disqualification to six months for so-called voluntary unemployment is a pre-emptive strike by a Government worried that its projected slowdown in growth to 2.5 per cent will push up unemployment again sharply next year."

The other measure of unemployment, the unadjusted total, also fell sharply, dropping by 118,811 to 2,751,384. The rate fell from 10.3 to 9.9 per cent, its lowest since September 1981.

Last month's fall in the seasonally adjusted unemployment total was the 16th consecutive decline. Over the 16-month period, the total has fallen by 496,700, a record.

Vacancies are also rising strongly, suggesting that much of the fall in unemployment now occurring is as a result of genuine demand in the economy. Vacancies last month rose by 14,800 to 261,400.

● The Prime Minister last night hailed a new age of prosperity for Britain after the big drop in unemployment, a rallying of share prices and cuts in bank mortgage rates (Philip Webster writes).

She told the Commons the latest unemployment figures were "very encouraging."

"Six years of economic growth show the wisdom of the Government's economic policies. Sound finance and British enterprise have produced a higher standard of living than this country has ever known."

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Prince William plays at being a motorcycle patrol policeman during a visit to the headquarters of the officers who escort the Royal Family's cars. More photographs, page 24.

Summit doubts after deadlock in arms talks

By Christopher Walker in Moscow, Mohsin Ali in Washington, and Michael Evans in London

A breakdown between the United States and the Soviet Union in the final negotiations on the intermediate nuclear forces treaty was made public by Moscow yesterday.

The Kremlin complained that Washington had at the eleventh hour demanded the right to inspect Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile production plants as part of the verification process.

The "deadlock" appeared to be so serious that senior US diplomatic sources were warning last night that, unless the Soviet side changed its new "rigid" posture, the summit in Washington on December 7 could be in danger.

Washington — Mr Gorbachov plans to arrive here on Monday, December 7 for the summit and is due to leave on December 10, the White House said last night (Mohsin Ali writes). President Reagan is likely to give a state dinner on Tuesday night, with Mr Gorbachov hosting a return dinner the following night.

In Moscow yesterday, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, claimed in an interview with *Pravda* that the Americans had introduced new proposals which were unacceptable to Moscow. He denied that the Soviet Union was responsible for delaying agreement on an intermediate nuclear forces (INF) treaty — as had been alleged by US officials in Washington.

He told the Communist Party newspaper: "The difficulties were brought about by last-minute, final-curtain proposals from the United States to include Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) in inspection measures to ensure the absence of intermediate missiles."

But American officials immediately hit back, saying that the total US verification package was laid before the Soviet negotiators in August. Although it was not made public, the details included a clause which would give both sides the right to inspect ICBM facilities suspected of covertly manufacturing INF missiles.

The US spelt out to Moscow that verification should include any "ground-launched ballistic missile production factory" making weapons with a range of 300 miles upwards.

The particular US fear is that the Kremlin could cheat by continuing to produce the intermediate-range SS20 — to be eliminated under the INF treaty — within the same factories now making the new mobile ICBM, the 6,500-mile range SS25 Sickle.

In London, US officials said that Washington had proposed "a perimeter portal monitoring" procedure, under which US inspectors would be able to observe missiles coming out of the factory from the perimeter fence to ensure that there were no SS20s hidden among the SS25s. The Soviet Union would have a similar right to demand inspection of American plants.

The US officials in London said yesterday that, if this issue were not resolved, there would be a "glaring loophole" in the verification regime for an INF treaty. In Moscow, one Western diplomatic source said: "It is a real roadblock. It is a make-or-break issue as far as ratification of the treaty by Congress is concerned."

According to the Americans, the Soviet side first began to "backtrack" during the meeting last month in Moscow between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

One senior US official in London said: "They say they don't want any involvement of ICBMs in an INF treaty. If they stick to this position, we've got a big problem on our hands. If it's not resolved, it could affect the summit."

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Anger at new union measures

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Fresh controversy erupted over the Government's new employment Bill yesterday when it emerged that unions will have to hold secret ballots on 'go-slows, overtime bans and other forms of industrial action.

The disclosure, made by Mr John Cope, the Minister of State for Employment, as the Bill's committee stage got under way, was immediately denounced by opposition MPs.

Hitherto it was thought that the Bill enabled a union member to obtain a court order only if he were asked to take action not endorsed by a secret ballot that would involve him breaking his contract of employment.

However, the Bill allows court orders on any industrial action that could affect the "performance" of a contract.

Angry opposition MPs argued that the wording of the Bill would prevent unions from taking any action at all. By 10 votes to five, they lost an amendment which would have restricted ballots to actions involving a breach of contract.

Dalyell expelled after more Commons uproar

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Senior ministers last night voiced concern over damage to the reputation of the Commons after a second successive day of rowdy behaviour culminated in the expulsion of Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP.

He was suspended from the Commons for five days for calling the Prime Minister a liar.

Conservative backbenchers were expressing disquiet about the growing challenges to the authority of the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, after more than 100 Labour MPs, including three junior whips, voted against his decision to name Mr Dalyell.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's Deputy Leader, abstained on the motion to name Mr Dalyell.

The size of the vote against his expulsion was highly unusual. In a clear breach of Commons etiquette the MPs applauded him as he left the chamber after the vote.

The unruliness involving MPs on both sides came despite a call from Mr Weatherill, in the wake of the angry scenes after the loss of Wednesday's Commons business, for good behaviour and for MPs to give a lead to the nation on good standards.

Mr Weatherill first ran into trouble yesterday with the Conservative backbencher, Mr Bill Walker, who referred to allegations about four Scottish Labour MPs in a television programme. After protests the Speaker required him to withdraw his remarks.

Mr Dalyell then raised with Mr John Wakeham, the Leader of the Commons, the role of the Prime Minister in the Westland affair.

By saying that she had not known about the role of Mr Leon Brittan in the leaking of the Solicitor General's letter she had told "a necessary and indispensible lie."

His allegation brought furious Conservative protests. Mr Weatherill gave him repeated opportunities to withdraw the remark. When he refused the Speaker named him and the division took place.

By tradition the opposition front bench votes to comply with rulings of the Speaker.

Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow Commons leader, said later: "I voted with the Speaker because it is his duty to uphold the rules of the House. But I am convinced that this matter will never go away until the Prime Minister comes clean on what actually happened. Practically everybody on the Labour benches does not believe her story about what happened over Westland."

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Tunnel money

Eurotunnel should hear today that it has the City backing to complete the financing of the Channel Tunnel project, with £350 million of shares being underwritten ..... Page 25

Sponsor blow

The future of coverage of American football on Channel 4 was thrown into doubt when Budweiser unexpectedly withdrew its sponsorship. Page 47

Portfolio Gold

- **The £8,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Wednesday, was won by a reader in south Devon. Details, page 3.**
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Markets take cheer from US trade boost

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Optimism returned to the world's financial markets yesterday, as figures were published showing a narrowing of the US trade deficit, and hopes grew of an early budget deal in Washington.

The White House said agreement on reducing the budget deficit was very close, adding to the confident mood brought about by the announcement of a narrowing of the US trade deficit to $14.08 billion (£8 billion) in September, from $15.68 billion (£8.9 billion) in August. The budget deal was thought to involve a first-year deficit reduction of about $30 billion.

The FT-SE 100 index rose by 63.2 points to 1,702.5, adding £11.3 billion to share values.

From the low point on Tuesday morning the index has risen by more than 180 points.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was 65.82 points higher at 1,965.02 in mid-afternoon trading. The dollar rose by nearly two pfennigs to DM1.6915 and pushed the pound down by 1.7 cents to $1.7625.

National Westminister cut its mortgage rate by 1 percentage point to 10.25 per cent, with effect for new borrowers today, and for existing borrowers from December 1. Barclays announced a cut from 11.25 to 10.3 per cent, with effect for new and existing borrowers on December 1.

IRA bomb 'a political operation'

A former Irish cabinet minister today claims that the IRA bomb that killed 11 people as they waited for the Armistice Day parade at Enniskillen was not an act of mindless violence but a deliberate political move.

Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien says that the bomb explosion last Sunday was planned by the IRA as a crucial part of their campaign to force Protestants into revenge attacks, believing that it could finally force the British Government to pull out of the province.

Dr O'Brien's views (Ireland's time bomb, page 16) came as the IRA and its supporters continued to make excuses for the bomb.

BCal puts £200m tag on BA merger proposal

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Caledonian is not prepared to merge with British Airways for less than £200 million, it emerged yesterday.

Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of BCal, and other board members, believe that the airline is doing sufficiently well to command a price close to the £237 million offered last July. However, British Airways is likely to open the bidding at about £120 million.

Bankers and financial advisers on both sides met separately yesterday to draw up negotiating positions for talks next week. It was clear that there is a wide gulf in the value each puts on the airline and the chances of a merger being sealed are thought to be less than 50 per cent.

BCal will claim that the conditions agreed by British Airways were put forward without its knowledge and cannot therefore be taken into account.

It is thought that even if BCal loses its three biggest European routes, into Brussels, Paris and Nice, there would be little affect on productivity. The airline's scheduled passenger figures for the year ending October 31 are up by 12.8 per cent to 2.67 million. Freight rose by 8.7 per cent.

In a letter to BCal staff last night, Sir Adam said that while talks would soon begin with British Airways, "we shall be continuing our negotiations with other airlines".

Defiant Scargill to resign and seek re-election

By Tim Jones

Mr Arthur Scargill is standing down as president of the National Union of Mineworkers and putting himself forward for re-election.

The move was seen as his attempt to maintain power within the union which is divided over the limited overtime ban it is operating against British Coal's disciplinary code and the issue of six-day working.

Mr Scargill said: "If Mrs Thatcher and the Tories don't want me. If Sir Robert Haslam and the Coal Board don't want me, if the mass media don't want me I can think of no better credentials for supporting me in the election."

His decision, taken as the union's national executive committee met in Sheffield, came the day after Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, said it was "impossible to develop a working relationship" with Mr Scargill".

Regional union leaders who were his closest allies now oppose him. Mr Des Dutfield, leader of the South Wales miners told him recently: "With you on Labour's side we would not want many enemies. Your condemnation (of the South Wales leadership) is utterly disgusting and I am ashamed and deplore such remarks from the President of the National Union of Mineworkers."

Mr Scargill has consistently been defeated by his own executive committee on the issue of hardening the eight-week-old limited overtime ban which has cost the industry £20 million in lost production and his members £12 million in lost wages.

NUM members are also angry that they will not receive a 4.28 per cent pay rise until the action ends. It was given to those in the Union of Democratic Mineworkers last week.

The NUM is openly divided over whether to accept British Coal's ultimatum that major new investment can only be contemplated with six-day working.

While areas such as South Wales, where pits are threatened, have accepted the principle, Mr Scargill has condemned it as "destructive".

Mr Scargill said he wanted to be in the same category as other full-time NUM officials who have to apply for re-election every five years.

When the Employment Bill becomes law next year, he will be forced to seek re-election every five years.

Nominations for the presidency will run from next Monday until December 14, with the pit-head ballot on January 22. Candidates could include Mr Dutfield, Mr John Walsh, a moderate from Yorkshire and Mr George Bolton and Mr Eric Clarke, respectively president and general secretary of the Scottish area.

Mr Michael Meacher, the Shadow Employment spokesman, said: "He is very wise to go now. No one wants to be pushed. I have no doubt he will succeed." Mr Meacher added that it was better that the election was to be on a matter of principle rather than personality.

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NEWS SUMMARY

IRA newspaper condemns bomb

The IRA is tearing itself apart over "the monumental error" of the Enniskillen bomb outrage, the organization's weekly newspaper said last night.

The *Republican News*, in an editorial, conceded that the republican movement was shocked and shaken by the blast which killed 11 people and injured more than 60.

It said the consequences would be with the organization for a long time, "because of our sorrow and because our enemies, the enemies of the Irish people, are so strong and have been strengthened by it".

Meanwhile, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, told the Commons yesterday that he expects the Irish government to ratify the Extradition Treaty next month in the wake of terrorist outrages.

Mr Neil Kinnock met Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, for private talks last night on the republic's implementation of the Act.

Earlier, Mr Kinnock called on Hackney, north London, council, to withdraw a speaking invitation to Mr Alex Maskey, Sinn Fein leader at Belfast City Hall.

● The last two victims of the Enniskillen bombing were buried yesterday. They were Billy and Nessie Mullan, both aged in their seventies.

● Anthony McNeill, aged 25, of Belfast, appeared before the special criminal court in Dublin last night charged with falsely imprisoning Mr John O'Grady, the dentist.

BA fraud man fined

A businessman who made 50 applications for British Airways shares was fined £2,500 at Bow Street magistrates court, central London, yesterday.

John Barker, aged 40, of High Leigh, Knutsford, Cheshire, used the names of his employees, including one who had died in 1983, to apply for the shares and would have made a profit of £6,000.

Barker, who admitted five specimen charges of attempted deception, was also ordered to pay £500 costs. He was said to have been misled by a stockbroker.

Police cut red tape

Thames Valley police, one of Britain's largest forces, believes it can put 80 officers back on the beat by cutting paperwork by 4 per cent.

The force is paying a firm of management consultants £13,000 to help to reduce the 24 per cent of time spent by operational officers filling in some of the 850 forms, Mr Colin Smith, the chief constable, said yesterday.

In a report to his police authority's finance committee, Mr Smith said there were, however, "few administrative short cuts" in relation to collecting and recording evidence.

EEC gives storm cash

Britain received more than £200,000 from the EEC yesterday to help pay for last month's storm damage.

Yesterday, southern England was again mopping up after its wettest November day for eight years.

Meanwhile the first snow was recorded in the Peak District in Derbyshire.

Steel sale on cards

Prospects of British Steel being privatized have sharply increased.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is understood to believe that the corporation's improved performance makes it a good candidate for privatization in 1990 or 1991.

The future of the Ravenscraig steel works in Scotland must be resolved before the Government makes any decision.

20 pupils mugged

Three youths lined up 50 fifth form pupils and stole from 20 of them as they waited for their teachers outside an ice rink in central Birmingham.

The boys and girls, aged 15, from Moseley Secondary School, were said to have been "systematically searched and robbed". They thought the youths were ice-rink officials until they started kicking them.

Police are hunting three youths aged about 18.

Long-term jobless to be given literacy training

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Intensive coaching in literacy and numeracy is to be given to the long-term unemployed on the Job Training Scheme.

Only 22,111 candidates have enrolled on the scheme against a target last September of 110,000. The drop out rate has been more than 60 per cent in some areas and radical changes are planned to save the scheme by making it more attractive to trade unions and employers.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, is expected to announce within the next few days stronger links between JTS and the Community Programme scheme, which is to have a larger training element.

The Government is also financing a national scheme which gives up to five weeks of intensive training to JTS candidates to improve their abilities to read, write, add up and cope with interviews.

Managing agents in south-east England report that at least two-thirds of the long-term unemployed who join JTS have serious problems in reading, writing or readjusting to a working life, and that the month allowed to find a placement in industry is proving far too short.

Companies asked to support the scheme say that many of the candidates sent to them are incapable of being trained.

One agent said: "Some people have not used these skills since leaving school and they need to be revived. It is unfair to expect the employers to shoulder the moral burden of taking on people who have no realistic prospect of completing a JTS course."

The Department of Employment has allocated £1 billion to JTS and is currently running an advertising campaign.

The unions see JTS as a device for pegging wages and providing cheap labour outside the Employment Protection laws. Their opposition has been endorsed by most local authorities.

Many councils and large private employers have shied away from the scheme for fear of provoking industrial relations problems.

The most fundamental change the Government could introduce, which would remove much union hostility, would be to allow employers to pay trainees the "rate for the job".

Many training agents believe that JTS could not only be saved but could become the most valuable weapon against long-term unemployment.

£6m centre to lead way in research for industry

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A centre for exploitation of science and technology, costing more than £6 million and paid for mainly by industry, is to be established on the science park attached to Manchester University. It's aim will be to identify for universities and industry areas of research most likely to lead to "commercial winners".

Eighteen companies are subscribing £250,000 each to the centre. The Government is giving £1 million.

Sir Robin Nicholson, a former chief scientific adviser to the Government, and director of research for Pilkington, said that although the founder members were large companies, the centre would be sensitive to the vital role smaller businesses played in exploiting scientific advances.

He hopes the centre will be in operation before the end of the year, when a chief executive will be appointed. Eventually it will have 12 staff.

The science park proposal was outlined in a bid for the centre by Manchester University, which led a consortium including the universities of Salford, Liverpool, Lancaster and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, and the polytechnics of Manchester, Liverpool and Lancashire.

The consortium assembled its proposals with the help of several companies in the North-west, which has a high level of research and development in electronics, aerospace, information technology and chemicals.

The creation of such a centre was recommended two years ago by the Government's Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development.

At the launch of the centre yesterday, Sir Robin said the object was to promote an awareness of advances in science and technology worldwide; to identify advances likely to lead to new industrial and commercial opportunities; to provide research scientists and engineers with an awareness of the opportunities and to encourage basic research.

He said that a country the size of Britain could not conduct research and development in every area of science and technology. It was essential to be more selective.

The new organization will create links throughout the academic and industrial groups involved in science and engineering. The aim is to foster and promote new and promising aspects of science and technology for exploitation.

Sir Robin said that British industry should emerge from the process with a future that was stronger in science-and-technology-led change.

● Volunteers are being sought to help researchers find ways of preventing or treating the common cold.

The Medical Research Council is offering £1.75 a day pocket-money plus travelling expenses to healthy adults who will spend 10 days at its Common Cold Unit in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

The volunteers stand a one in three chance of developing a cold. They will be accommodated free of charge in centrally-heated flats.

"Students find the conditions suitable for studying", Dr Ian Barrow, director of the unit, said yesterday.

University research, page 7



Supporters of Mahraz Darshan Das (right, with the Prince of Wales last month), at Southall police station yesterday

Police view Sikh death as sectarian

By Robin Young

Police are satisfied that the Sikh religious leader killed in Southall, west London, on Wednesday night, was the victim of a sectarian conflict. The incident room set up to deal with the inquiry has been closed.

Mahraz Darshan Das was shot dead as he addressed a religious meeting at a school in Southall. Three of Mr Das's followers were seriously injured. Two men who were arrested after the shooting were still in hospital last night after being set upon by the crowd.

One of the injured sect followers, Mr Satwant Singh Panesar, of Heston, west London, had tried to shield Mr Das from gunfire, his wife, Kawal Jit, said yesterday.

"He stood up to protect the people when the gunmen came in. He was the only one to do anything and I feel very proud of him", she said.

Mr Panesar is in a serious condition at Ealing Hospital.

Mr Das, who came from Handsworth, Birmingham, was the charismatic founder and leader of an evangelical mission, Sachkhand Nanak Dham International. He held regular religious meetings at the school where he was killed.

His group was apolitical and had refused to take any interest in the campaign for a separate Sikh state of Khalistan. That, and Mr Das's evengelical style of preaching and faith healing, brought the group into conflict with other Sikhs.

Last month, Mr Das met, and was photographed with, the Prince of Wales at the opening of a home for the elderly in Camberwell, south London.

Mr Piara Khabra, president of the secular Indian Workers' Association, said yesterday that supporters of the separatist campaign for Khalistan were known to have been behind several attacks in Britain against Sikhs who supported the Indian government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

"Das's followers were spiritually opposed to the separatists, so they may have become a target", he said.

In Birmingham, Mr Britam Singh Kalsi, secretary of the Birmingham Sikh Council, said that Mr Das's sect was regarded as being outside the true faith of Sikhism. "He called himself a living guru, but in true Sikhism there is no such thing," he said. "There has been a lot of ill-feeling towards him and his death comes as no surprise."



Karpov accepts offer of draw after 21 moves

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

The twelfth game of the World Chess Championship ended in a listless draw yesterday after a mere 21 moves.

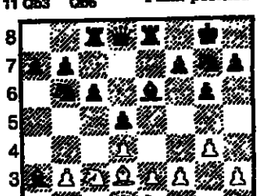
The board was crowded with pieces and an interesting middle game appeared in prospect when Kasparov, the defending champion, playing white, offered a draw. Karpov, the challenger, accepted.

Kasparov appeared to begin with a clear advantage, putting pressure on both sides of the board. However, from moves 15 to 20 he retreated well-placed pieces and inflicted weaknesses on his pawn structure.

Game 13 is set for tomorrow. Kasparov leads by six and a half points to five and a half.

White	Black	12 Qc2	Nbd7
1 c4	e6	13 0-0	g6
2 Nc3	d5	14 h3	Bf8
3 d4	Be7	15 Nge2	Rac8
4 cxd5	exd5	16 Qd2	Nh5
5 Bf4	Nf6	17 Bh2	Ng7
6 e3	Bf5	18 g4	Qd8
7 Nge2	0-0	19 f3	Nb6
8 Rc1	c6	20 b3	Ba3
9 Ng3	Be6	21 Rc2	draw
10 Bd3	Re8		
11 Qb3	Qb6		

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Poll shows British teenagers want cash more than love

By Andrew Morgan

The spirit of Thatcherism has taken root in British teenagers, whose values are now oriented towards personal success through hard work and money, a survey shows.

Young Britons place greater value on money than either love or friendship, said Mrs Christine Bestell, a director of McCann Erickson, the advertising agency responsible for the survey.

A third of those questioned wanted jobs in the City, adding to the renaissance of the Puritan work ethic.

"They have short-term goals and many are practical and materialistic", she said. "The overriding discovery was the feeling that money was the doorway to modern life, and that to consume is to have worth.

"Economic security will be necessary to satisfy the consumer hopes of the young, and they will carry that as emotional baggage for the rest of their lives."

Similar surveys conducted by McCann Erickson in Europe found that teenagers elsewhere valued friendship and love above money. They also placed greater value on the welfare state than did young Britons, who see wealth as the route to happiness, sophistication and individuality.

The British survey, intended to sharpen the focus on young attitudes, was based on a sample of 985 young people from 53 sampling points, divided into two broad categories: the "New Wave" (those aged between 15 to 19), and the "Baby Boomers" (20-25).

Baby Boomers, who were teenagers in the years of the last Labour government, were found to be more liberal, interested in closer relationships with others and sought more fulfilment through happiness than those in the younger category.

Fewer New Wave teenagers than Baby Boomers wanted aid to the Third World cut and immigration restricted. Fewer showed concern about the environment.

The Baby Boomers were found to be keen on the three Hs — healthiness, hedonism and humanity — while the New Wave, already adult in many ways, were cynical and group-orientated.

Forty-three per cent of teenagers had a bank account (with a virtual 50-50 split between males and females), and 28 per cent had a building society account. Eight per cent even used a credit card.

The survey also compared results with findings 10 years ago. It found that young people as a whole are more opposed to divorce and homosexuality today, but less concerned about becoming drunk at a party.

The comparison found little change in overall morality, with more young people disapproving of taking soft drugs than 10 years ago. However, there was a marked increase in the number of teenagers who would consider petty shoplifting.

● The average family in Britain owes £4,500, excluding mortgages, a survey by Familybase, a church charity organization, shows.

The survey also disclosed that more than half a million debt cases reached the courts last year; almost 5 per cent of all personal lending is in arrears, two million people are behind with their fuel bills, and 300,000 home owners are three months or more in arrears with their mortgages.

Familybase says credit card companies should donate some of their profits to funding debt advice centres.

WHAT MAKES HAPPINESS*

	Males	Females	15-19	20-25
Good health	56%	58%	53%	60%
Happy family life	33%	48%	36%	44%
Money	34%	28%	27%	31%
Friends	24%	26%	33%	20%
Success	24%	20%	28%	17%
Fun	20%	14%	21%	15%
Love	10%	19%	12%	17%
Job security	18%	11%	14%	16%
Peace of mind	10%	11%	7%	13%
A nice home	6%	10%	5%	11%

*Each sample selected three constituents from a total of 23.

FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

	Males	Females	15-19	20-25
Bank A/c	58%	54%	43%	66%
Building Soc A/c	31%	33%	28%	36%
Credit card	20%	19%	8%	29%
Stocks/shares	8%	3%	3%	8%

Baby operation postponed five times



By Craig Seton

Heart surgery on a baby only 33 days old was postponed for the fifth time yesterday because of a shortage of nurses at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

David Barber, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, needs the operation to correct a hole in his heart and a missing valve. His condition is stable.

Surgeons at the hospital did carry out a heart by-pass operation yesterday on William Pound, who is six days old, from Rugby Warwickshire, after a magistrate threatened to take legal action if it was postponed. Last week, another baby was transferred to Nottingham because he could not be operated on in Birmingham.

Mrs Jean Rigby, the hospital administrator, said: "This is not a financial problem. It is a shortage of registered sick children's nurses with intensive therapy training."

Portfolio Gold

Widow of 82 wins jackpot

A widow aged 82 is the sole winners of today's jackpot £8,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

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No inquest on three deaths, parents say

Legal fund launched for unborn baby

By Peter Davenport

A fighting fund has been launched to pay the legal costs of Mr Phillip Rayner and his wife, Lily, in their attempt to defeat moves by social workers to make their unborn child a ward of court.

Mr Peter Clatworthy, joint managing director of a London computer company, talked to the couple after seeing a television interview in which they described their plight.

He put them in touch with Kingsley, Napley, the law firm of Sir David Napley, and contributed £3,000 to start a fund.

Mr Clatworthy said yesterday his company had agreed to underwrite the legal expenses, although he expected many people to make contributions to the fund.

The Rayners are now being represented by Mr Paul Terzeon, a senior partner with the law firm.

Last night a spokesman for Tameside social services department said that their solicitors had been in contact with legal representatives of the family.

The department insists that the course of action it proposes is the correct one in the interests of the unborn child, and that it was agreed by experts involved in a case conference.

Social workers have decided to take the baby into care after the unexplained deaths of three of the couple's babies, all within a few weeks of their birth.

Yesterday Mr Rayner, who said that there had been no inquest or police investigation into any of the deaths, was adamant that neither he or his wife had done anything which could have contributed to the fatalities.

Few marriages have endured as much tragedy as the Rayners: besides the deaths of the three babies, another child was stillborn, and Mrs Rayner has had four miscarriages.

Mrs Rayner, aged 34, and only a month away from the birth of her latest child, was staying with friends and resting while her husband waited at their council home in Greenwood Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, to hear the latest developments.

Mr Rayner, aged 32, is an unemployed fitter who has been out of work for seven years. Since the deaths of his children, much of his energy, and that of his wife, has gone to raise money to buy cot-death monitors for two Manchester hospitals.

Through charity football matches and sponsored events, the couple have raised more than £3,000.

"I began the appeal following the deaths of the two children", Mr Rayner said. "I took the view that as long as people were talking about the fund and giving donations to it, then my children were still alive and with me."

Mr Rayner said he had "volunteered to allow the new baby, once born, to stay in hospital for six months, a year, for as long as it takes to ensure it survives. We want it to live."

Birmingham bombings appeal

Scientist denies wrong test

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A Home Office forensic scientist denied yesterday that he had admitted using the wrong test for nitro-glycerine on the men convicted of the Birmingham bombings.

Dr Frank Skuse, who is now retired, carried out the test, known as the Griess test, in November 1974 on five of the men and linked two to explosives, the Court of Appeal has been told.

The six men who are appealing against conviction claim that Dr Skuse used the test with a 1 per cent caustic soda solution, which shows up nitro-cellulose as well as nitro-glycerine. The court has been told that to provide a positive result for nitro-glycerine alone the caustic soda solution should be 0.1 per cent.

It has also been told that nitro-cellulose can be found on items such as playing cards or cigarette wrappers, which some of the appellants claim they came into contact with before their arrest.

The court was told yesterday of a letter written by Dr Hugh Black, a former Home Office chief inspector of constabulary, reporting a meeting with Dr Skuse. In the letter, dated May 1975, Dr Black, a consultant acting for the defence, said Dr Skuse had used the Griess test with a 1 per cent solution.

Dr Skuse said he had never discussed the materials he had used for the Griess test or their concentration at the meeting. He said he had seen Dr Black in February 1975 about a Manchester bombing case, after which minutes were produced. He agreed that in describing the Griess test he had administered he had said he used a 0.1 per cent solution, which was the correct amount.

Dr Skuse was asked by Mr Stephen Mitchell, for the Crown, why the Griess test produced a positive result for two suspects which more sensitive equipment in other tests did not later support.

Dr Skuse said the time lag in the tests might have caused deterioration of what had been a tiny amount of material. He said he was satisfied from the test result that nitro-glycerine had been present on the hand of Patrick Hill, one of the appellants.

He was shown a letter from a doctor who operated the test equipment, which was sent to his laboratory after the test. The letter suggested she had a different interpretation of the result. But Dr Skuse said he could not remember seeing it. The hearing continues today.

Mystery of £30m Van Gogh buyer

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A question mark still hangs over the auction of the world's most expensive painting, "Irises", by Van Gogh, which sold for $53.9 million (£30.2 million) at Sotheby's New York on Wednesday night.

Sotheby's New York expert, David Nash, could reveal little about the new owner's identity yesterday, although he said: "There was no Japanese bidding, certainly not for the last half. This surprised me enormously. I do know who was bidding but I don't know on whose behalf."

Unless this means a decoy was bidding on behalf of a Japanese client, we can rule the Japanese out. That leaves the art market turning its curious gaze upon Australia and those two antipodean millionaires, Alan Bond (thought to have been the underbidder for Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", sold in March) and Kerry Packer.

"There will be an announcement in due course", said Mr Nash, who was still reeling yesterday from the success of the sale.

He said it was impossible to generalize about the countries which bought the most.

"The person who bought the second highest lot ('Le Jardin Fleuri' by Claude Monet at $5.8 million, and also a record) has homes in London, Los Angeles and Paris". He said that only 18 lots (13 per cent of the proceeds) were bought by Japanese buyers, who, due to the strength of the yen, had been expected in force.

The sale raised a total of $110.2 million, with 87 per cent sold, and included two further world records.

One was for the German painter Max Beckmann — a portrait called Selbstbildnis mit Weisser Mütze — which sold for $1.5 million. The other was for Salvador Dali's "The Battle of Tetuan", which fetched $2.4 million (estimate up to $3 million).

In Munich, where Sotheby's tested the water with their first sale in Germany yesterday, the news was not so joyful, with 41 per cent unsold.

In London, Christie's raised £641,938 for their continental furniture, with 87 per cent sold. The story was somewhat different in the first part of their British and Irish paintings sale, where £608,000 was raised, but 31 per cent failed to sell.

SALEROOM

Heathrow rail link planned

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A £160 million high-speed rail link from Paddington station, west London, to Heathrow Airport is being planned by British Rail and the British Airports Authority.

The project would make use of the existing main western line for about 12 miles from Paddington to near Hayes, west London. From there a two-mile spur would run south to Heathrow.

Special 100mph rolling stock would be built with extra capacity for luggage. Trains would leave every 15 minutes for the 16-minute journey.

The project is one of about 40 schemes which have been submitted to the Department of Transport after publication of a report by consultants in the summer, which examined a number of ways to improve links between central London and Heathrow. It is the one most likely to be adopted.

Within the next few weeks London Regional Transport is to propose an express Underground link with Heathrow.

● The Tyneside Metro launched a crime prevention scheme yesterday after figures were released showing that vandalism and fare-dodging were costing £1.75 million.

Jail for man who shot thief

A builder who shot an intruder after numerous raids on his country cottage was yesterday jailed for two and half years.

James Iddenden, aged 37, was found guilty of unlawful wounding in spite of claims that he acted because police failed to do anything to help him. He was found not guilty of wounding with intent.

Portsmouth Crown Court was told that Iddenden, armed with a shotgun, lay in wait at the cottage he was renovating in Steep March, near Petersfield, Hampshire. After a few hours he heard noises on his roof and shot Terence Moore, a soldier, twice in the leg.

Mr Edward Cross, for the defence, said the behaviour of the police was "lamentable". He said Iddenden reported cases of theft or damage on 10 occasions but not once did they take any action.

He said Iddenden had lost more than £20,000 worth of property and acted within his rights to guard his property.

Iddenden said he acted in self-defence and fired the gun accidentally and in panic.

Moore, aged 21, who was later convicted of stealing tiles from the premises the night before, was off work for three months and still has 40 shotgun pellets embedded in his leg.

The judge ordered the confiscation of Iddenden's two shotguns and cancellation of his shotgun certificate.

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PARLIAMENT

European space projects 'are far too costly'

Participation in the European Space Agency's projects would cost Britain the equivalent of more than a dozen new hospitals every year, Mr **Kenneth Clarke,** Minister of Trade and Industry, told MPs.

In a statement on the meeting this week in The Hague, in which Britain stood alone against the proposals against the other 12 ESA member states, he said that since the last meeting in Rome in 1985, Britain had underlined its commitment to ESA by the significant increased funding that it had provided.

That was no less than £85 million this year alone.

Since the Rome meeting, Britain's commitment to European co-operation in space had not changed. But what had changed was the scale of ESA's aspirations.

Overall, the total cost of the proposals put at The Hague would increase spending on space by more than two-and-a-half times over the next five years. For the UK, agreement to these programmes would have meant an increase to more than £200 million, the equivalent of more than a dozen new NHS hospitals every year from now on.

But Britain's objection was not solely that the bill was so huge. It could not see sufficient scientific, industrial or commercial benefits to justify such a huge increase. He had pressed for a reassessment of priorities to develop a strategy designed to achieve worthwhile aims which would yeild solid and worthwhile returns.

RESEARCH

Three major new optional programmes had been presented: Ariane 5, a new heavy-lift launcher capable of putting three satellites into orbit; Colombus, the European involvement in the international space station project; and the Hermes manned spaceplane.

He had made clear that he could not endorse the grandiose ambitions of the Hermes programme to put man in space by the year 2000. At enormous expense, that would only achieve capabilities which the United States would have achieved 20 years previously.

There had been no satisfactory conclusion yet to negotiations with the Americans about European participation on the Columbus programme. He had declined to agree to proposals that Europe should in any event go ahead with a separate and autonomous version of Columbus if agreement with the United States could not be reached.

He had said that Britain would consider further the proposals for a polar platform associated with Columbus. This would be an unmanned space vehicle, primarily for Earth observation, that would be complementary to a similar US platform.

Britain's final position on this would depend on further discussions that he would be holding with UK companies, including the financial contribution they would be prepared to make to ensure their participation either in contracts to which they attached significance or as users of the platform.

It was important to give European industry ready access to a launcher for telecommunications and other satellites, but he had to question the increase some wanted to see solely in order for Ariane 5 to be manrated and to enable it to launch spaceships as well as satellites.

There had also been proposals for increases in the mandatory science and general budgets. These had already had major increases since the Rome meeting. The science budget would have increased by 27 per cent in real terms between 1985 and 1989. ESA proposed a further increase of 5 per cent per annum in real terms up until 1992.

There could be no justification for such a proposal. ESA could and should achieve the agreed scientific objectives within the currently agreed funding level. He could not, therefore, endorse the increase.

He had emphasized the need to take a fresh look at some of the new and hugely expensive ESA proposals which largely derived from a desire to follow the Americans into manned space craft.

He had confirmed Britain's substantial support for those parts of the established programme which gave due weight to industrial, economic, commercial and scientific considerations. He had also argued for greater involvement of industry and users in the planning and financing of programmes.



RICHARD WILSON

Five-day Commons ban for Dalyell

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) (above) was "named" by the Speaker after refusing to withdraw an allegation that the Prime Minister had told a "necessary and indispensible lie".

The vote on the naming, which means that he will be suspended from the House for five days, was agreed by 220 votes to 102.

The incident happened during questions about the business of the Commons. The Speaker had appealed for good behaviour and had asked MPs to give a lead to the nation on good standards.

Mr Dalyell said that standards started at the top and asked for the Prime Minister to explain to the House why she had said on January 27, 1986, that she had not known about the role of her then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Leon Brittan) until the inquiry into the Westland affair had reported.

She should confirm that she was daily kept in touch and that for the protection of her position and in order to remain in Downing Street, she had told a necessary and an indispensable lie (protests).

After asking him to withdraw three times and after Mr Dalyell had refused to do so, the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) "named" him.

After the result of the division was announced and the Speaker had asked Mr Dalyell to leave, he did so to loud applause from Labour back benchers.

Earlier, Mr Bill Walker (Tayside North, C) had clashed with the Speaker over comments about four MPs who, Mr Walker said, were referred to on a Scottish television programme. After arguing with the Speaker, he withdrew his remarks.

He said that the programme related to the affairs of Dundee District Council. The allegations were that large sums of money had disappeared and that there had been acts of homosexuality.

Hint of secrets Act change

PRIME MINISTER

The Government is still considering whether to bring forward legislation to change the Official Secrets Act, but if it does it will be less restrictive than the present controversial Section 2 of the Act, the Prime Minister said during questions.

She twice reminded the Commons that the attempt to change the Act in 1979 had not met with its favour.

Mr **Jonathan Aitken** (Thanet South, C) had said that he warmly welcomed "yesterday's surprise announcement that the Government intends to reform the Official Secrets Act. May I ask her to clarify whether her replacement legislation is likely to be a measure in the direction of greater liberalization or restriction?"

Mrs Thatcher: The Attorney General said earlier this week that work has been in hand for some time to find an effective, enforceable and reasonable provision to replace Section 2 of the 1911 Act.

If, in the light of that work, we decide to bring forward further proposals for reform, we shall announce them in due course; but we are conscious of the criticisms of the 1979 Bill.

A great deal of work was done on that Bill. Before it was brought forward, the Franks report was produced over the lifetime of the last Labour Government and there was a White Paper. We brought forward proposals in the White Paper which did not find favour with the House.

Mr **David Steel,** leader of the Liberal Party, asked whether Mrs Thatcher would support a private MP's Bill to repeal Section 2.

Mrs Thatcher did not reply to that, but said that if a new Section 2 were brought forward it would be less restrictive than the present one for obvious reasons. The one brought forward in 1979 had been less restrictive but had been rejected.

A great deal of work had been done by both sides and they had put forward what had been thought to be virtually an agreed measure, but it had not turned out to be so.

Clarke has come back from The Hague meeting with his tail between his legs, says Gould

Mr Kenneth Clarke had come back from The Hague "with his tail between his legs and a flea in his ear", Mr **Bryan Gould** said in commenting on the minister's statement on the European Space Agency (ESA) meeting.

Mr Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that what Mr Clarke had said was not so much a statement but more an admission of failure.

Even in terms of his own objectives, Mr Clarke had failed to bring about any reassessment of priorities within the ESA programme.

While the Government might be correct in describing some of the programme as over-ambitious, it had no alternative future programme to suggest for the ESA. "However modest and sensible the ESA expansion, the Government would have opposed it in principle."

Could Mr Clarke assure MPs that Britain would at least take part in the Columbus programme and try to secure the lead role in the polar platform satellite project?

"Is not this decision the worst possible news for the 300 UK firms involved in space? They will fail to win new contracts and face a new brain drain of top scientists to Europe. What chance can we have of retaining these scientists and programmes when all the worthwhile and advanced work is being done elsewhere?"

On Hotol, how did Mr Clarke expect the private sector to make up the gap in space spending?

The failure to back a British contribution to the ESA was symptomatic of a wider failure to back science in this country.

"Mr Clarke's attitude at The Hague was a prime example of Thatcherism in action, characterized by short-term considerations and anti-investment, anti-scientist, uniting everyone else against us in opposition to his position."

Mr Clarke replied that he did not accept Mr Gould's analysis of the meeting. It was fashionable to speak of failures and successes, of bloody noses, but the fact was that the meeting at The Hague had been extremely friendly and that he was on friendly terms with his colleagues, Dr Heinz Riesenhuber, of Germany, and M Alain Madelin, of France. He agreed with them on politics and on European co-operation.

They had been discussing optional programmes to add to mandatory programmes. They had exercised their option to decline to join the Hermes project, a new addition since the Rome meeting. There was remarkably little support for the project in British industry.

"What worries me is that it will distort the balance and perhaps damage telecommunications and Earth observation projects, which are our principal interest. We think they should be at the forefront of the programme. I was putting forward that we should reassess priorities and when Ariane 5 was off, get back to assessment of scientific and industrial and objectives."

The Polar platform was an extremely interesting concept and had attractions for British industry. It would fulfil an Earth observation role. Further discussions would be needed with the Americans because of their similar project, and there had also to be discussion with British Aerospace and others interested.

"The decision means that we have not decided to go into huge additional programmes, but does not imply any reductions in our contribution to space or to space agencies."

The Hotol project had not been on the agenda and had scarcely been mentioned. The French saw it as a competitor to their Ariane-Hermes project. What was needed was to work it up to a serious project and to consider what international collaborators were available. Further discussions with British industry, the Government and British Aerospace were also needed.

Sir Geoffrey Pattie (Chertsey and Walton, C), a former minister for information technology, supported realistic space spending, but contended that the United Kingdom had fallen behind in the past few years.

Mr Clarke said that just making comparisons with what other countries spent did not take one very far forward.

It was necessary to ask what those countries were spending their space money on — and for what reason.

Anglo-Irish pact comes under fire

The Anglo-Irish agreement came in for severe criticism from Unionist MPs when it was discussed at question time. One complained that it had brought death and destruction to the province. But Labour's spokesman supported it.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) asked if two years was not enough for ministers to be honest, humble and courageous enough to admit that the agreement had outraged most people in the province and ought now to be reviewed?

How long could the Secretary of State continue to treat Northern Ireland like a colonial condominium when the surest way of safeguarding security was to treat Northern Ireland as truly part of the United Kingdom?

Mr King said that slogans were not the most helpful way forward.

Mr Kenneth Maginnis (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, OUP) said that in his constituency the agreement had not produced the smallest vestige of improvement in security.

Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast East, DUP) said that the agreement had increased the death toll and done nothing in political and economic terms.

Mr King said that there had to be a willingness to look for constructive solutions.

The Rev William McCrea (Mid Ulster, DUP): None of the 11 people who died in the massacre at Enniskillen wanted to be associated with the Anglo-Irish agreement (protests). I know the people of Northern Ireland have utterly rejected the agreement which has brought nothing but death and destruction to our towns.

Mr King: I do not know of his right to speak for every single individual. What we do know is that all who believe in democracy will stand united against terrorism.

Committee rejects left MP

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Ken Livingstone has been voted off the executive of a leading Labour pressure group in a move underlining the deep split on the left.

Other figures on the far left, or those who have proposed a rapprochement between the far and soft lefts, suffered in a purge organized by a pro-Kinnock faction in the Labour Co-ordinating Committee (LCC).

But the annual co-ordinating committee elections resulted in a personal triumph for Mr Chris Smith, Labour MP for Islington, South and Finsbury. Mr Smith, a front-bench Treasury spokesman, topped the poll at his first attempt.

Mr Livingstone, former leader of the GLC and now MP for Brent East, was the most notable casualty.

But Mr Peter Hain, who has been a leading figure in the committee for several years and who has always been close to heading the executive ballot, only narrowly survived.

The severe drop in support for him was seen as punishment for his statement, written with several Labour MPs in August, calling for a realignment on the left between the hard and soft groupings, and for his earlier call for a joint left slate in the Shadow Cabinet elections.

That upset prominent figures on the soft left and Kinnock supporters who want nothing to do with the hardline left.

Mr Michael Ward, another prominent left winger was also removed from the executive, which has 20 members.

A pro-Kinnock group within the co-ordinating committee called the Clause Four group was claiming credit for the coup.

The results were due to be announced at the committee's annual meeting tomorrow, but they were leaked yesterday.

Calls for debate on C of E

A call for a debate on the Church of England was made by Mr **Antony Marlow** (Northampton North, C) during business questions.

He asked if it was right to sustain a bench of bishops in the House of Lords so long as the Church fudged and funked on fundamental biblical and moral issues.

Mr **John Wakeham,** Leader of the House, said that the Church of England and the Synod was an important element in the setting of moral standards in society.

He was sure that they took this into account in making decisions.

Mr **Geoffrey Dickens** (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) supported the call for a debate.

This should be done so that MPs might call on the Church to purge its pulpits of homosexual vicars, many of whom had proved to be a danger to children.

Mr **Wakeham** replied that he recognized the strong feelings of a number of MPs on this.

However, he was not able to offer him a debate in Government time in the near future.

'We are not satisfied with our progress, but we are fighting hard'

King pleads with N Ireland political leaders for peace

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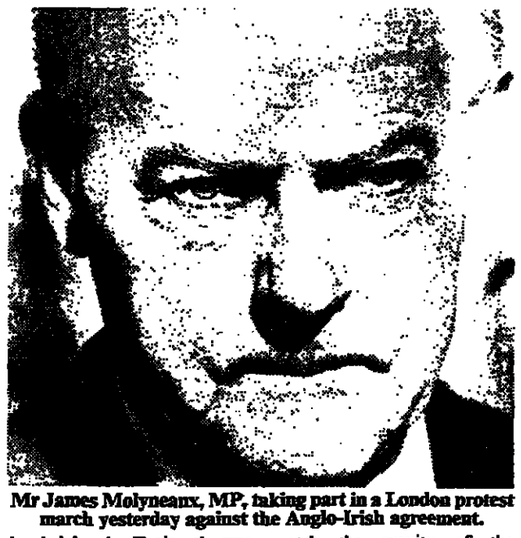
Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, made a plea to the political leaders of the province not to stir old wounds but to build on the new spirit that existed after the Enniskillen bombing.

During questions, Mr King said that it was vital that the universal condemnation of the outrage at Enniskillen was backed by the fullest help and support from all sides of the community for the RUC and the security forces in their fight against terrorism.

Mr **Henry Bellingham** (Norfolk North West, C) said that, after the recent ghastly events, there could be no doubt that terrorists were the sworn enemies of the people of Ireland, both North and South.

He hoped that there would be a renewed determination by the southern Irish Government to combat terrorism and impede it at every possible turn. It was now more important than ever for the two Irish governments to work together.

Mr **King** agreed that recent events had made a profound impression on both sides of the border. He welcomed a report that a new security committee, headed by the Taoiseach, was being set up.



Mr James Molyneaux, MP, taking part in a London protest march yesterday against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr **William Ross** (Londonderry East, OUP) said that if Mr King was satisfied with progress in the fight against terrorism, his must be a lone voice. If he was not satisfied, when did he expect his own level of competence to match the gravity of the situation?

Mr King said that he was not, of course, satisfied with progress in the fight against terrorism, "but we are fighting hard".

Mr Ross should not pretend that it lay in the hands of himself (Mr King) or the Government to wave a wand. There was a role for the security forces and there was also a role for the leaders of all the communities in Northern Ireland. They should recognize that they owed it to the people who had died in the tragedy of Northern Ireland not to seek to stir old wounds.

He believed that there was a new spirit after Enniskillen. People wanted to build new bridges.

Mr **James Kilfedder** (Down North, UPUP) wondered whether all the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland now fully and unequivocally supported the security forces. There was a need for the minority community to take a greater part in the fight against terrorism with the security forces.

Mr King said that he looked to all the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland to support the security forces. He would dearly wish to see enhanced recruitment among the minority community.

Mr **David Alton,** Liberal spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the co-operation of the Roman Catholic community was important, but so was the co-operation of Dublin. Could Mr King repeat his concern about the extradition agreement being enacted on December 1?

Why had the Prime Minister ruled out before the discussions with the Irish Government that there would be no joint security commission?

Mr King said that he had made no secret of his concern about the extradition treaty.

Strong as the arguments were before recent events — and some might say they were overwhelming — there was now no question about the need for the closest co-operation and activity between both governments in the fight against terrorism. "There is now such an identify of interest, manifest to everyone in Ireland, that it becomes a compelling priority."

Mr King later referred to a second bomb that had been placed at a Remembrance Day parade, in Tullyhommon. He said that the IRA had failed to detonate it. Had it gone off, the casualties would have been civilians, young members of the Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Brigade, their parents and other spectators. The IRA campaign was ruthless and contemptible.

Mr **Seamus Mallon** (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said the Enniskillen bomb was aimed at damaging the Anglo-Irish agreement. Those who feared the agreement most were those in the IRA because they feared the two communities coming together.

Ultimately, the only way in which the IRA and those dedicated to violence would be defeated was by the efforts of everyone in the island of Ireland and by the two governments acting together.

Mr **King** agreed. "It would be difficult to conceive of an attack or an outrage more villainously designed to stir up sectarian hatred than the way that particular outrage was conceived — the location of the bomb and its target."

The IRA was determined to smash any attempts at closer co-operation between the British and Irish governments. "If we are to defeat the evil of terrorism, that co-operation is vital."

Mr **Timothy Yeo** (South Suffolk, C) asked if Mr King agreed that the only positive response to the Enniskillen bomb was to reaffirm the determination to make a success of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr **King** said that co-operation had to be the right way forward. It was in the interests of the majority and the minority in Ulster to have a more effective attack on the problems of terrorism and an improvement in security.

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Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Immigration Bill, second reading.
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Wednesday: Debate on developments in the EEC.
Thursday: Motion on Housing Benefit (General) Regulations.
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Thursday: Criminal Justice Bill, report, second day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's motion on the Commonwealth and South Africa.

Redundancy terms dispute

Strike halts Labour's HQ

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Labour Party's Walworth Road headquarters was brought to a standstill by striking staff yesterday and faces the prospect of further disruption over the next few weeks.

The stoppage, called by the National Union of Journalists, was over redundancy terms being offered to five journalists on the party newspaper *Labour Weekly* which has just been closed as part of a package of measures to stave off financial crisis.

They have been offered £7,500 each on top of their statutory redundancy entitlement, but are demanding parity with members of the management who are being offered up to £14,000.

Far from acceding to their demands, the party managers are taking a firm line and may even withdraw the informal £7,500 offer which is due to be ratified by the national executive's staff negotiating committee on Monday.

Were that to happen, party sources expect the NUJ members, who staged a 12-hour strike last Tuesday before yesterday's 24-hour stoppage, to man further picket lines outside Walworth Road which the other staff unions would be bound to respect.

In addition, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union are threatening a 24-hour stoppage next Thursday in protest at the threat of compulsory redundancies as the party seeks to cut about 40 posts.

Yesterday's strike was ordered by the national NUJ after the Walworth Road chapel voted by six to five on Wednesday to support demands for equal redundancy payments.

Among those who voted against was Mr Peter Mandelson, Director of Communications, who was also obliged to strike yesterday.

Mr Ken Hyder, the NUJ negotiator and one of the five affected journalists, said: "We have maintained a picket and nobody has crossed the line. The headquarters is closed down and at a standstill. The other staff unions are co-operating."

Hint of secrets Act change

PRIME MINISTER

The Government is still consid-
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Doctors call for voluntary euthanasia as Aids rises

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The need for legalized voluntary euthanasia will increase with the spread of Aids, according to a group of doctors.

Some sufferers of the disease are likely to consider euthanasia because they may not want to face some of the terminal symptoms, the doctors say in the *British Medical Journal* today.

They have formed a medical group within the Voluntary Euthanasia Society and are inviting other doctors to support their campaign for the practice to be legalized.

The move coincides with a visit to The Netherlands this week by members of a British Medical Association working party, set up to review existing guidelines on euthanasia.

Voluntary euthanasia is effectively legal in The Netherlands and is chosen by up to 5,000 terminally ill patients there each year, according to Dr Pieter Admiraal of the Reiner de Graaf general hospital, Delft.

Members of the BMA group visited the hospital to discuss euthanasia with doctors and patients. The hospital has pioneered techniques in treating the terminally ill.

Dr John Dawson, one of the visiting group, said: "We saw doctors who have terminated lives and we saw doctors who condemn the practice in the strongest possible terms. It was an extremely helpful visit"

A letter in the journal, signed by 19 doctors, says the Voluntary Euthanasia Society was formed in 1935 since when the need for euthanasia "has not diminished".

"If anything it has increased because more people now survive to suffer the sort of physical and psychological distress which cannot be adequately relieved even by the best medical and hospice care.

"The acquired immune deficiency syndrome has added a new and rapidly growing group of often well-informed patients who may not want to risk the dementia which so often supervenes."

A British public opinion survey last year recorded 70 per cent support for legalising voluntary euthanasia and another this year found that more than 30 per cent of general practitioners favoured legislation. Of these almost 40 per cent said they would be prepared to administer voluntary euthanasia if it were legalized.

The setting up by the association of a working party to consider the issue did not indicate that the medical profession no longer condemned the practice, if it ever did.

One of the signatories, Dr Colin Brewer, a consultant psychiatrist in London, said yesterday: "The fact is that there have been some cases in which people with Aids have committed suicide.

"We strongly believe that nobody who has the Aids virus should take their own life. But it seems very likely that some sufferers in whom the condition is far advanced will want to consider euthanasia."

The BMA said yesterday: "The working party went to Holland to discuss the issue with doctors, patients and those who are against euthanasia as well as those who support it. The findings will be published next spring."

A conference on euthanasia, organized by the society and the hospice movement, is being held at the Royal Society of Medicine in London next May.

One man's memorial to victims of D-Day drill

By Andrew Morgan

American and British dignitaries will gather on Sunday at Slapton Sands, south Devon for a memorial dedication ceremony for 749 GIs who died when a D-Day rehearsal went disastrously wrong.

The memorial, placed on granite from Dartmoor, is the culmination of 16 years' effort by Mr Ken Small, a local hotelier. He has spent thousands of pounds pursuing his ambition of an official recognition for the men who died during the rehearsal, codenamed Operation Tiger, in April 1944. The incident claimed more lives than the D-Day landings at Utah Beach.

General Dwight Eisenhower authorized the exercise, using live bullets, which foundered after German E-boats from Cherbourg sank three landing ships. It emerged that RAF bombers had spotted the Germans and told the Admiralty but no word reached the Americans.

There was a cover-up but one official history of 1953 told of "safety deficiencies" and referred obliquely to the incorrect fitting of life-jackets which tipped men forwards into the water. Survivors told of Americans firing on each other in the confusion, fuelling more cover-up theories.

Mr Manny Rubin, now aged 64, who lives in Plymouth, was one of the 34 survivors. He recalled how men on his own craft, landing ship tank 496, opened fire on another American vessel. "The sea was on fire. It was a dreadful sight. There was a series of blunders



Mr Rubin (left) and Mr Small, who has spent 16 years fighting for a memorial, with a tank used in the fatal exercise (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

but I guess they were just shuffled aside down the years and we all put it out of our minds."

Mr Rubin, a navy signalman, married a local woman and returned to work in Plymouth in 1962, where he runs a textiles factory. Last week, he had a reunion with 17 survivors in Virginia. "We had quite an emotional time together", he said.

The US Government approved the memorial after Mrs Beverly Byron, a Congresswoman, moved a Bill proposing the plaque. Mr Small had appealed to her.

Mrs Byron's father was Captain Harry Butcher, Eisenhower's ADC. She discovered details of Operation Tiger after his death three years ago. She will be present at the dedication on Sunday.

Bones, bullets and shrapnel washed up on theshores have added to the testimony of eyewitnesses, but there have been conflicting versions on the burial of the bodies.

Until October 24 this year, Mr Small was convinced that many bodies had been buried in two bunkers in a field near Torcross. However, three weeks ago, Captain Henry Durham, aged 81, a retired American naval captain, gave him details of the night of April 26 1944.

When ships arrived at Portland, Durham estimated 700 to 800 bodies were on the decks, mostly drowned men. It later transpired they had died from incorrectly fitted life jackets. Captain Durham told him.

Committee rejects left MP

Ban demanded on faulty condoms

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some brands of condoms are so unsafe that they should be banned, and stricter quality controls should be introduced by the Government, a watchdog group said yesterday.

More than 70 per cent of one brand leaked when filled with water during laboratory tests, according to a survey by the Association of London Authorities. Another had a 19 per cent failure rate, and nine per cent of a third make also leaked.

"We are considering taking legal action under the Trades Descriptions Act, and we urge anyone who has bought these particular brands not to use them", Mr Patrick Kelly, a spokesman for the Association, said.

"At a time when the Government is encouraging the use of condoms to prevent the spread of Aids it is vital that the products should be subjected to the strictest safety checks."

The three imported brands are the Japanese-made Stopex, which had a 73 per cent failure rate; Duet Supersafe Ribbed, from West Germany, of which 19 per cent failed, and Bio-Plus, made in West Germany and Denmark.

The Stopex condoms are available through mail order, Duet can be bought from chemists, and Bio-Plus are dispensed from vending machines in public houses.

The association warned condom purchasers to buy only well-known products carrying the British Standards Institute kitemark, although it wants those standards to be improved.

Mr Kelly said: "The BSI test allows a 3 per cent failure rate and we see no reason why 100 per cent of all brands should not be electronically tested to reduce this margin".

Durex, the leading brand, passed tests for thickness, weight, visible defects, holes and strength, although two per cent leaked.

The survey was conducted before the Mates brand was launched by Mr Richard Branson's Virgin group of companies.

Back pain 'may give warning of cancer'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Back pain can be an early warning of potentially curable cancers in young adults, according to two specialists writing in *The Lancet* today.

Increased awareness by doctors of the syndrome of persistent back pain could save lives, they say.

Dr Penella Woll, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Dr Elaine Rankin, of the department of medical oncology at Glasgow University, have identified 10 patients with cancer who sought medical attention for backache.

The pain was severe enough to prevent sleep and characteristically was relieved by sitting forwards.

Young patients complaining of such symptoms should be closely questioned for weight loss and night sweats, the doctors suggest.

Ultrasound and computed tomographic scanning can identify whether cancer is present.

"Potentially curable cancers, including leukaemia, lymphoma, and cervical and testicular tumours, can be present with back pain in young people, so an increased awareness of this syndrome could save lives", they say.

The letter is a response to another in *The Lancet* last month which described how diagnosis of two cases of testicular tumour was delayed because the main symptom was back pain.

Factory loses stripes

The £52 million Plessey factory at Roborough on the edge of Dartmoor, which the Prince of Wales said looked like a high-tech Victorian prison, is to remove giant red stripes from its grey exterior after complaints from parish councillors.

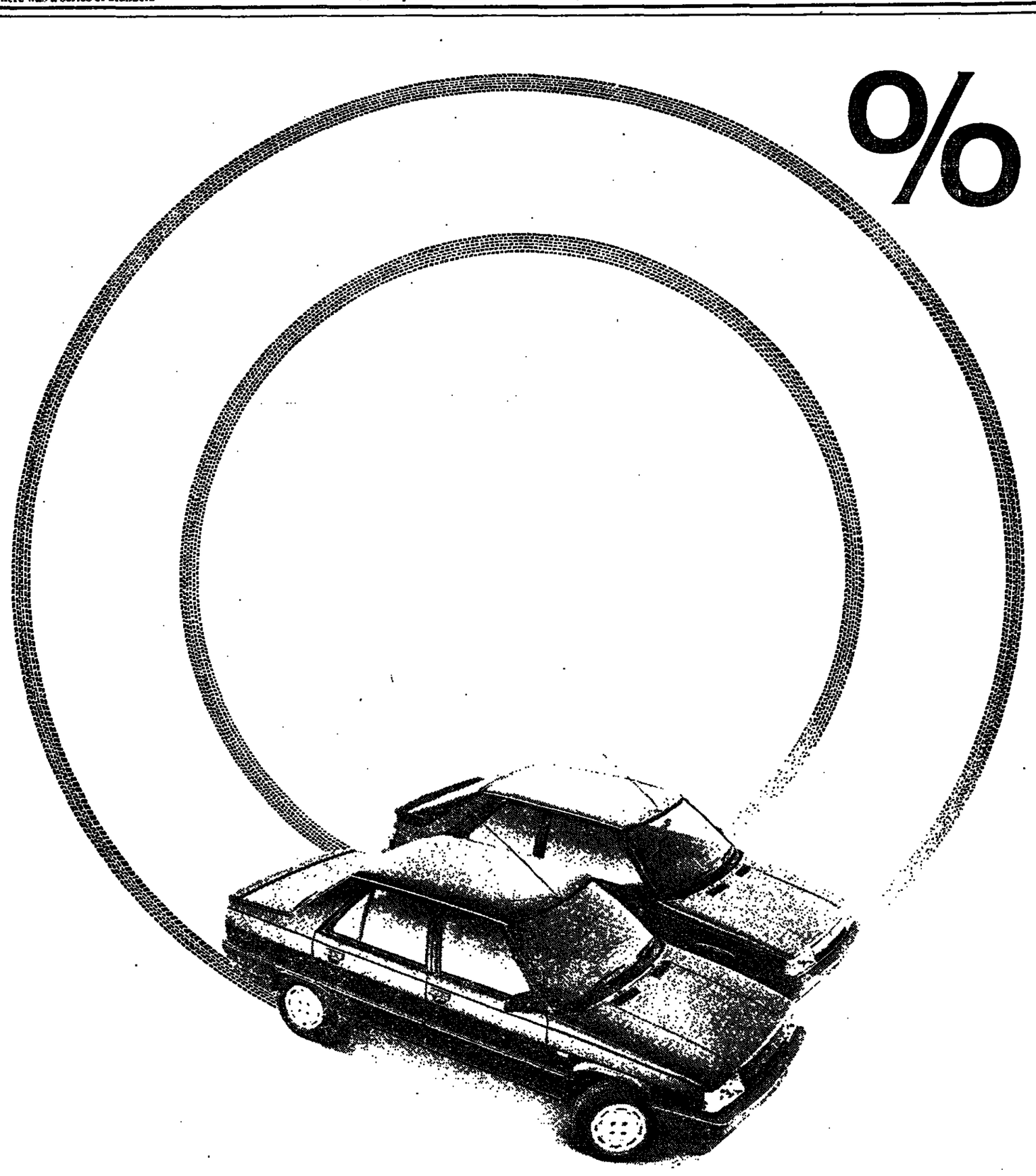
The Prince said when he opened the microchip factory in May: "I only hope the trees around the outside will grow quickly enough to hide it from the moor".

Mrs Marilyn Small, clerk to Bickley Parish Council, said last night: "These awful red girders right on the edge of Dartmoor make the factory a blot on the landscape.

"Plessey's have finally agreed to tone things down by removing the red stripes and making the girders grey like the rest of the building."

Mrs Small said the company was reluctant to paint out the stripes at first, claiming it had consulted local people, who did not object. The parish council, however, could find no-one who had been asked their opinion.

No one at the factory or Plessey's headquarters in Swindon, Wiltshire, was available for comment.



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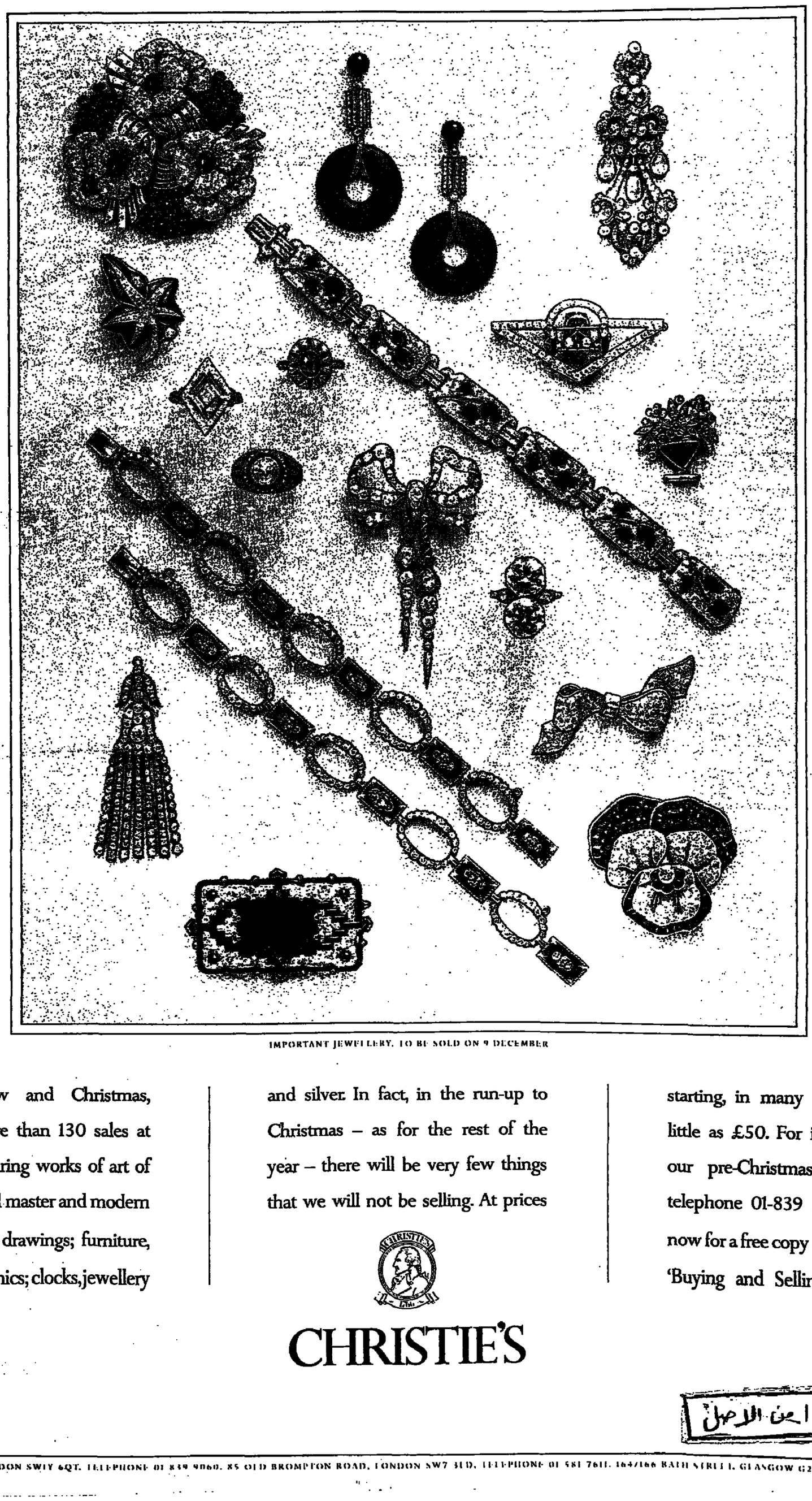
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Research in universities 'approaching crisis point'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The university and polytechnic research system is near breaking point, Professor Bill Mitchell, chairman of the Science Engineering Research Council, said yesterday.

He estimated that £20 million was needed to prevent further erosion of the 40 per cent of research in universities that was classed as basic science.

Professor Mitchell rejected the plan for reorganization of research in universities and polytechnics which has been proposed to the Department of Education and Science. This would cut the proportion of basic or curiosity-led research from 40 per cent to 20 per cent.

Professor Mitchell said the type of research that had no predictable application for the creation of wealth laid the foundations of science technology.

The research council allocates about £120 million each year for basic science. That provides research grants to more than 4,000 young scientists in the country's 45 universities and 60 polytechnics.

It also includes an annual subscription of £45 million for British scientists at the forefront of high energy physics to use the powerful "atom smashers" at the European Centre for Nuclear Research, at Cern, near Geneva.

The council already plans to cut the spending on Cern to £35 million a year. But Professor Mitchell indicated that the only way the council could accommodate a reduction in basic research would be to pull out of a large single project. Cern was a possible casualty.

Professor Mitchell described the past year as one of scientific achievement and financial frustration.

The research achievements in fields as diverse as astronomy, biotechnology, fish farming and metallurgy are listed in the council's annual report.

Professor Mitchell called for a new approach to supporting research that would safeguard basic science and ensure that applied, or strategic research gave priority to those projects with the greatest potential for commercial innovation.

He asked for the basic science part of spending to increase at the rate of improvements in the gross national product, GNP.

He believed that there should be greater collaboration with industry in carrying out the assessments for strategic research.

Festivals 'multiply arts aid tenfold'

By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

Arts festivals throughout Britain this year multiplied tenfold money received from public arts funding, according to figures published yesterday.

The British Arts Festivals Association, encompassing annual events as diverse as Edinburgh, Chichester, City of London and Aldeburgh, reported that every £1 given by arts bodies was on average quadrupled by business sponsorship and increased six times by box office sales.

Mr John Manduell, the chairman, told Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, that the results from 13 festivals gave "the most positive response yet" to his announcement last week of a £5 million incentive fund next year, with a 17 per cent increase over three years in the whole arts budget.

Mr Manduell said that preliminary figures suggested more than 10,000 people visited a particular town because a festival was there.

Mr Luce told the Arts Council last night he had been encouraged by the positive reaction to his announcement of increased funding. The council will receive 15.6 per cent more over the next three years, from £138.4 million to £160 million in 1990/91.

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Star-spangled night for charity



Soprano Ann Mackay (left) and percussionist Evelyn Glennie, who is deaf, two of the stars of next Monday's Royal Gala concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London, in aid of the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. Princess Michael of Kent will be among the guests, John Williams among the guest artists (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Computer map units for RAF Harriers

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

The next generation of RAF Harrier aircraft will be equipped with a computerized airborne map system, enabling the pilot to look ahead hundreds of miles at the touch of a button.

The revolutionary system, developed by GEC Avionics, will put the RAF in the forefront of technology. More than 100 of the digital colour map units are expected to be ordered for the improved version of the RAF's Harrier GR5 and it is hoped that the US Navy and Air Force will also order the British equipment.

The new generation of GR5, which may be designated the GR7, is not expected to come into service until the 1990s.

Mr Jack Stone, marketing executive of GEC Avionics' guidance systems division, said yesterday that the new equipment was a "terrific scoop with enormous export potential".

The present map display units in Harriers and other RAF aircraft are based on old technology.

GEC Avionics has been awarded a £7 million development and production contract by the Ministry of Defence. The first digital map system is expected to be delivered in about two years.

Enforced energy savings opposed

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Householders may have to provide information on their home's energy efficiency if a draft directive by the European Commission is enacted.

The directive will be given initial consideration by the Council of Energy Ministers meeting today, and the European Parliament has sent the draft to its environment committee for consideration.

While the Government, through the Department of Energy, is trying to increase energy efficiency, the department is known to be against the proposal.

It takes the view that legislation forcing people to take action on energy efficiency is heavy handed, and the more positive way is to point out the savings that can be made and to encourage homeowners to carry them out voluntarily.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, is attending today's meeting and will oppose any move to get the scheme on to the statute book.

Mr Andrew Warren, director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, supports the European initiative. He says that Britain's homes remain among the least energy-efficient in Europe.

The draft directive is modelled on a scheme operating in Denmark for the past five years. If enacted it would mean that before a home is put up for sale, an energy audit will be carried out. The resulting report, on energy consumption and improvements needed, would be supplied to potential purchasers.

Mr Warren says the scheme would lead to improvements in the energy efficiency of homes, and help to create jobs.

The draft directive makes no recommendation about funding. The cost of the Danish scheme was shared for the first four years between government and householders, while in the United States the electricity and gas utilities are obliged by law to provide a home energy survey on demand.

Brewery brings back a prehistoric flavour

A real ale recipe said to be 4,000 years old has been used by Scottish brewers and distillers William Grant to produce a potent new drink.

Researchers believe that Stone Age man consumed the brew. His descendants, however, will have to wait a little longer before they may have the chance to sample it.

The company, best known for its Glenfiddich malt whisky, is hoping for a favourable response from the brewing industry before deciding whether to produce it in commercial quantities.

The recipe for the drink was rediscovered in 1985 after archaeologists digging on the Hebridean island of Rhum, Scotland's oldest inhabited site, found pot fragments lined with a black crust.

Tests showed the crust consisted of pollen and spores which could not occur together naturally. They included oats, barley, honey and fern, suggesting that the pot was used to ferment liquor.

The inquiry moved to the National Museum of Scotland, in Edinburgh, where experimental brews were made using similar ingredients.

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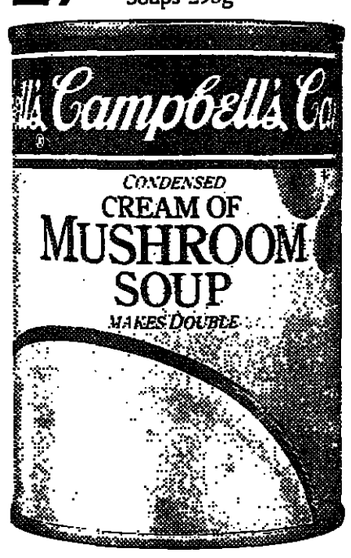
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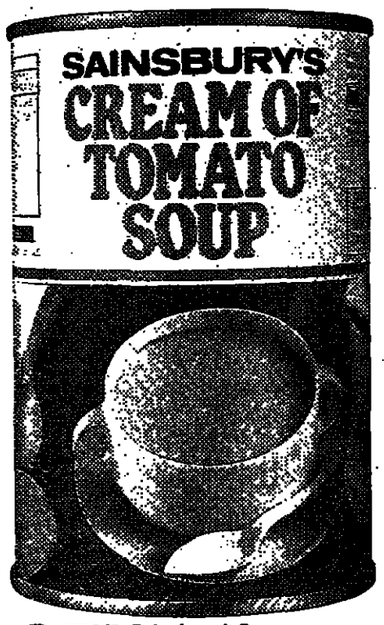
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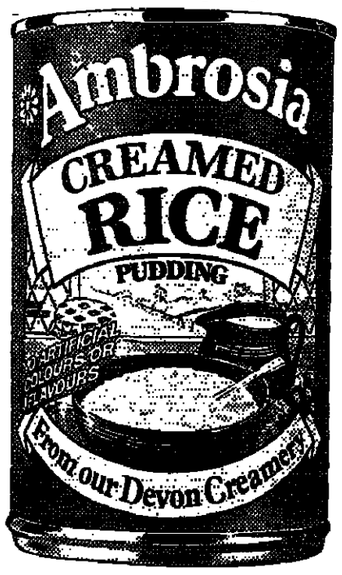
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Inner city addicts switching from heroin to cocaine

By David Sapsted

Fears that cocaine, the "champagne drug", may be about to take a grip among young addicts in inner cities were voiced by law enforcement chiefs and medical experts yesterday in the wake of the record £51 million seizure at Southampton.

There are a number of reasons for the belief that a shift from heroin, traditionally the biggest drug menace, to cocaine may be under way. The price of the drug has almost halved in the past two years; South American drugs barons are apparently targetting Europe for a sales drive; and Customs are accepting that, despite detection successes, there is an increasing flow of the drug into Britain.

Det Chief Supt David Stockley, in charge of the Home Office's National Drugs Intelligence Unit, said: "We appear to be following the same trend as in the United States, where the heroin situation also reached a plateau and the misuse of cocaine has assumed what has been described as epidemic proportions.

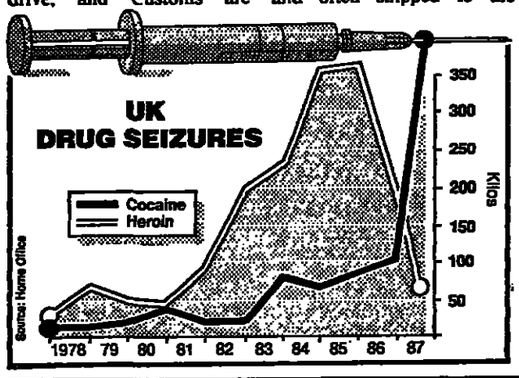
Distribution of the drug coming in from South America, primarily from Colombia and often shipped to the Continent and re-routed to Britain, is restricted principally to London, but counselling services throughout the country fear that the spread of cocaine is inevitable, with prices already down to £60-£80 a gramme.

In parts of south London, cocaine is already classified as a street drug with children as young as 14 using it.

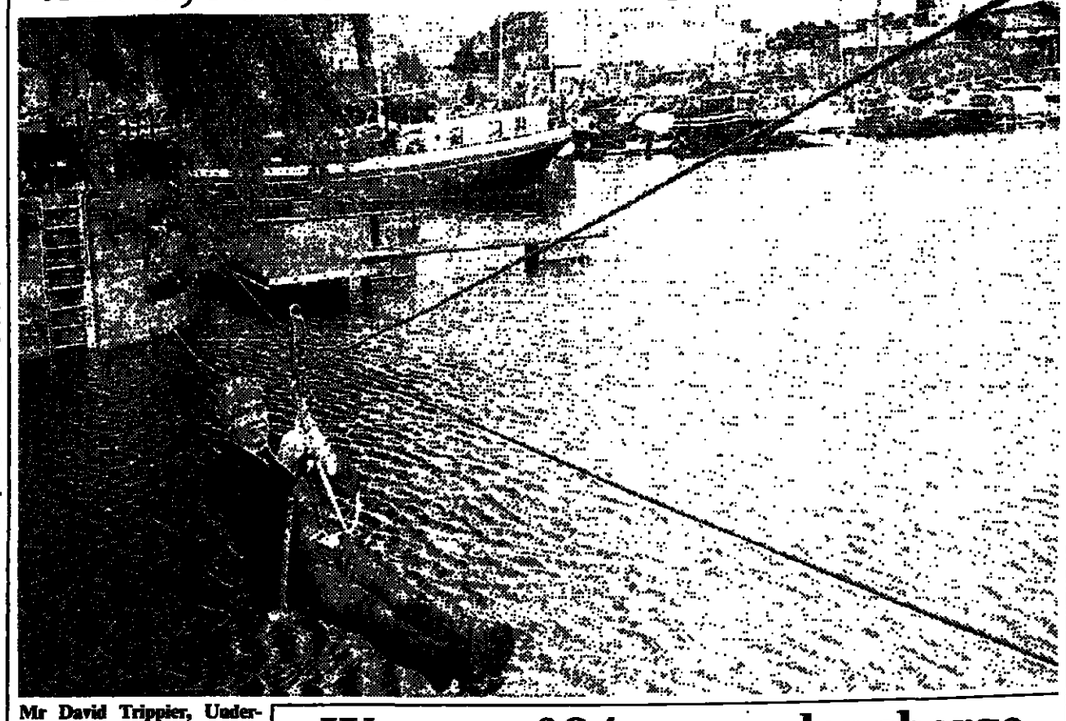
Two years ago, a warning of the likelihood of widespread cocaine abuse spreading to Britain was given in a report by the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs after its visit to the US.

Seizures of cocaine by Customs, often co-operating with foreign law-enforcement agencies, have increased 10 fold since 1980. In the first nine months of this year, heroin seizures declined by more than a third on last year. This year's haul, including this week's record, amount to more than 400kg, with a street value in excess of £100 million.

Mr Richard Lawrence, chief of Customs' investigation division, said: "Our seizure figures have gone through the roof but there is still too much coming in. I expect the market availability to increase."



£200,000 scheme swings into action



Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, launching a £200,000 Outward Bound scheme for inner city youths in inimitable style — winched across St Katharine's Dock in London by two former Outward Bound participants. Under the scheme, 360 youths will be sponsored by the Government to undergo leadership training courses. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance.)

Woman of 84 on murder charge

The oldest person to appear at the Central Criminal Court on a murder charge slept through most of the proceedings yesterday.

Doris Henley, aged 84, was arrested in January accused of kicking to death her sister Florence, aged 91, with whom she had lived for 50 years in Hebdon Road, Tooting, south London.

Miss Henley dozed through most of the 45-minute hearing as she sat beside the dock in a wheelchair. She had been sedated because of the stress.

The murder charge was not put, but a jury decided she was unfit to plead after hearing that she was suffering from dementia.

Dr John Colgan, of Springfield Hospital, Tooting, said: "I am sure she has no idea of what is going on around her".

Mr Justice McNeill directed that she be returned to Springfield Hospital until a suitable place in a special nursing home is found for her by the Home Secretary.

The prosecution would have alleged that Miss Henley had become irritated by the deafness of her sister

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The project is the first for the newly-formed Teesside Development Corporation, a government agency.

Mr Ron Norman, the corporation chairman, welcomed the scheme on the 185-acre site and said: "The redevelopment of Teesside means big, bold and exciting proposals like this and I hope it is the forerunner of many more". He denied it would harm town centre retailers in Middlesbrough, Stockton and Hartlepool.

The project is dependent upon public money being spent on a major road link to the A66 and a new railway station to attract the three million people within a 50-mile radius.

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280 jail escapes in turbulent year

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Nearly 280 inmate escapes were recorded in a turbulent year for the prison system, the Prison Department said in its annual report, released yesterday.

Between April last year and last March, 192 prisoners escaped from closed jails and 85 escaped from escorts, the report said. A further 980 absconded either from a working party, an open prison or while outside on trust.

The report said the most serious escape occurred when a remand prisoner, provisionally placed in the highest security category, was removed by force from the custody of prison officers at a London hospital. Three officers required hospital treatment.

Forty-five of the prisoners who escaped from closed jails got away during disturbances between April and May last year at the time of national industrial action by the Prison Officers Association. The worst incidents were on the night of April 30.

The increasing tension in indicated by jails is shown by 45 reported incidents of concerted indiscipline, most of which were passive demonstrations involving mainly refusals to work or eat.

There were 20 roof-climbing incidents, involving 46 prisoners. At Wormwood Scrubs, west London, one prisoner stayed on the roof for more than six weeks. At the Risley remand centre, Cheshire, 18 prisoners remained on the roof for five days, causing "considerable" damage.

There were 13 hostage incidents, three involving members of staff. Prisoners were taken hostage in another 10 incidents. The most serious incident was at Grendon, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, in October last year when an inmate hostage required hospital treatment.

The teaching of crime prevention in schools has received a £1.1 million boost, according to the first report of the Ministerial Group on Crime Prevention, released yesterday. It said the funds were being spent by schools in England and local education authorities in Wales on social awareness schemes.

The report said that explaining the effects of crime and encouraging young people to be responsible citizens is an important way of reducing crime. Research into the wilful damage of education facilities is to be completed this year.

The number of vulnerable prisoners who had to be segregated from others for their own protection increased from fewer than 700 adult males at the end of 1985 to more than 1,400 on January 1 this year. In addition, more than 200 prisoners were held in three national units for vulnerable prisoners at Maidstone, Gloucester and Wakefield. Extra regional units were created at Wandsworth, south London, and Bristol prisons.

Ninety-four inmates identified as being infected by the Aids virus were in need of special treatment or precautions.

Report on the Work of the Prison Service 1986-87 (Stationery Office: £15.40).

Weekend food prices

Large supplies of top quality fish available

Fishing fleets did well during the spell of good weather before the latest gales. Shoppers can be sure of a wide range of good quality fish for the weekend.

Haddock is more plentiful and large cod, codling and plaice are superb. Huss is cheap at about £1.10 a lb. Supplies of lemon soles were patchy during the week, but there were superb specimens at Billingsgate on Wednesday at between £2.20 and £2.90 a lb. Medium and large size skate wings are about £2 a lb. Herring is down in price to an average 90p a lb and mackerel costs between 30 and 86p a lb.

Smoked mackerel and kippers are down 2-3p a lb. Large rainbow trout are a little cheaper this week at about £2.20 a lb, and for those who like the exotic, there are bourgeois at about £3.10 a lb, kingfish at £4.25 and the colourful parrot fish at £3 a lb. A consignment of live Dublin Bay prawns arrived at Billingsgate, priced at £4.50 a lb. Irish and Welsh mussels are 45p a pint. Medium to large scallops are about 70p each.

Meat prices are generally stable, apart from home-produced lamb, up a few pence a lb on most cuts. However, Safeway stores have leg and shoulder on special offer at £1.58 and 78p a lb respectively. Pork prices fluctuated very little.

Changes in beef prices are negligible. Roasting forerib on the bone is about £1.52 a lb, boneless brisket is between £1.58 and £1.85 a lb and topside and silverside are £1.98 and £2.40 a lb. Sirloin steak is down in price in some shops.

There are good offers on New Zealand lamb at Dewhurst, where whole leg costs £1.39 a lb nationwide and whole shoulder 69p in the South-east. Other meat and poultry offers available this week are — Tesco: fresh boneless pork steaks, £1.29 a lb and forerib of beef, £1.68 a lb. Presto: frozen minced beef, £1.99 for a 2lb bag. Asda: home-produced, fresh-basted chicken, 66p a lb and home-produced braising steaks, £1.49 a lb. Gateway: pork loin chops, £1.49 a lb. Sainsbury: whole New Zealand Lamb leg, 98p a lb and sirloin steak, £2.98 a lb.

Supplies of Spanish oranges may be reduced due to severe flooding in the Valencia area, however, with many other sources of supply, a shortage is unlikely. Clementines at 35 to 40p a lb are new in the shops and satsumas, 26 to 40p a lb, are still a firm favourite. Bananas, 35 to 55p a lb, could be the ideal fruit for Christmas shoppers as they contain potassium, which helps to relieve stress.

Home-grown vegetables are plentiful and of good quality. Cauliflowers are between 40 and 60p each; swedes, 16 to 18p a lb; parsnips, 15 to 35p a lb; Brussel sprouts, 20 to 30p a lb; leeks, 35 to 55p a lb; mushrooms, 40 to 60p a half-lb, and potatoes are from 10p a lb. Spanish and the first of the Canary Island tomatoes are a best buy at 40 to 60p a lb.

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Dhaka police to shoot rioters

Dhaka (Reuter, AFP) – The Bangladesh Government ordered police yesterday to shoot rioters on sight after anti-government demonstrations in which two policemen and two protesters were killed in the strike-bound capital. Rioters, arsonists and looters would be shot on sight, a government statement said. Yesterday was the third day of demonstrations calling for the resignation of President Ershad's Government, and the opposition has vowed to continue the strike tomorrow and on Sunday.

Response to the dawn-to-dusk general strike call was high outside of Dhaka yesterday, opposition and press reports indicated. In northern Mymensingh town, day-long clashes reportedly left 50 people injured and 11 arrested. The strike was observed in the port of Chittagong and opposition activists stoned and damaged several government buildings.

Libyans deported

Geneva – Three Libyans deported from Switzerland yesterday are said by the authorities to be "connected with a plot to assassinate Libyan dissidents and other foreign residents" (Alan McGregor writes).

One of the men, according to the Ministry of Justice and Police in Berne, is known to be an officer of Colonel Gadaffi's secret service. The men were detained in Geneva on Wednesday, but were not arrested.

Lax pilots 'a danger'

Ottawa – Flight crews on North Atlantic passenger aircraft are showing a "disturbing laxity", increasing the danger of mid-air collisions, according to the Canadian Department of Transport (John Best writes).

A safety letter issued to the airline industry by the department's aviation safety branch said pilots had changed cruise altitudes without permission, and flown at speeds different from those assigned to them.

Retrials in Tunisia

Tunis – An Islamic fundamentalist who had been sentenced to death under the regime of the recently deposed President Bourguiba appeared in court yesterday and was granted a retrial (Paul Vallely writes).

Mr Ali Laareidh, who had been sentenced in his absence at a show trial of 90 fundamentalists, was captured with four others recently. He was accused of plotting to overthrow the state with Iranian help. All five prisoners denied the charges and were granted retrials, which will begin in two weeks.

14 die in US storm

New York (AP) – A storm, blamed for 14 deaths, careered up the north-eastern coast of the United States yesterday after up to 15 inches of snow fell and hundreds of pupils were stranded at their schools.

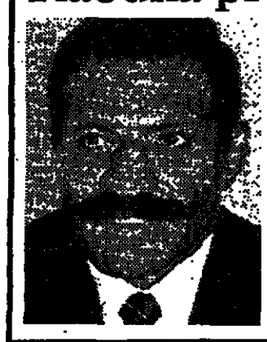
Hardest hit by the storm, which started on Wednesday, were Washington and the states of Maryland and Virginia.

Bail for Israelis

Jerusalem – Four Israeli settlers arrested after a shooting incident in which a schoolgirl was killed in Gaza this week were released on bail yesterday (Our Correspondent writes).

A magistrate in Ashkelon said evidence against the four, suspected of opening fire on schoolgirls who stoned their car, was too scant to justify custody.

Rabuka promotion



Suva (AP) – The self-proclaimed ruler of Fiji, Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, left, was promoted yesterday to the rank of brigadier. The Public Service Commission said it was because of his "additional responsibilities". He said he was cutting back the Army's strength from more than 5,000 to 3,000.

The military Government also announced the immediate lifting of a curfew imposed on September 25 when he seized power.

Hayward pledges to carry on fight

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The warden who takes people in the lift to the sixth floor of the Kronoberg remand centre in Stockholm jokes: "Ah, you're going to heaven, are you? Yes, that's what we call it." Here, in what far more resembles a cold, dark hell, Captain Simon Hayward, the British Life Guards officer, will today begin his eighth month in solitary confinement.

He said he was "bitterly disappointed" by the failure on Wednesday of his appeal against conviction and a five-year jail sentence for smuggling cannabis into Sweden.

In an hour-long interview with *The Times*, Hayward said he would continue the fight to clear his name. "The Swedes have got to be made to realize that they have sent an innocent man to prison," he said. However, Hayward seemed, to a greater degree than ever previously, more resigned to his fate.

He has worked out the exact date he expects to be freed when all the time off for good behaviour is deducted: September 11, 1989.

He said police still claimed to be worried that attempts might be made to free him, and therefore he expected to be transferred to a high-security prison.

Of his brother Christopher, who asked him to drive from the Spanish island of Ibiza to Sweden in the Jaguar car in which the cannabis, worth £500,000, was found, Hayward said: "I don't really want to talk about him. Because he disappeared when all this started, one naturally tends to think the worst of him."

He said he and his brother had never been particularly close. "The last thing I thought of when I agreed to drive that car to Sweden was that it would be full of drugs. One of the reasons I went to visit my brother in Ibiza was to try to get to know him better.

"People have accused me of being naive," said Hayward. "Maybe that is the one thing of which I am guilty."

Contra talks mediator travels to Washington

From David Golloh, Managua

Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, the Archbishop of Managua, has left the Nicaraguan capital for Washington, after formally accepting the role of mediator in ceasefire negotiations with the Contra rebels.

However, his first meetings with rebel leaders, who have been in Washington observing an assembly of the Organization of American States, are not expected to take place until next week, according to rebel sources.

The Cardinal's departure came as the Nicaraguan Army continued a major military operation against Contra forces near the town of Pantasma, 120 miles north of the capital, in an effort to thwart an expected rebel offensive. An army spokesman said three élite counter-insurgency battalions, numbering about 1,000 men each, had been sent to the area along with heavy weapons and artillery to head off a force of about 1,000 rebels. The spokesman reported heavy fighting on Wednesday, the first day of the operation, but gave no further details.

Cardinal Obando's mediating role was approved by the Episcopal Conference late Wednesday after a two-day meeting of Nicaraguan bishops.

The negotiations are expected to be complex and arduous. The Contras are hoping to achieve a ceasefire *in situ*, which would recognize their claim to control Nicaraguan territory.

President Ortega yesterday invited observers to visit Nicaragua and verify that the Contras "do not control an inch of our territory".

South African military involvement in Angola

Unita claims all the credit for victory

From Michael Hornsby, Jamba, south-eastern Angola

As Dr Jonas Savimbi claimed victory for his Unita rebel forces over Angolan government troops here yesterday, South Africa insisted that its forces had put the Angolans to flight. It added, in the first confirmation of South African casualties, that four of its men had been killed in the action.

A defence force communiqué in Pretoria said that during the battle an Angolan brigade supported by Cubans with tanks, artillery, anti-aircraft weapons, ground-to-air missiles and aircraft was forced to withdraw.

Dr Savimbi, however, wearing green battle-dress and an ivory-handled revolver at his hip, expressed surprise at the statement by General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister.

The Foreign Office and the African National Congress embark on a "fence-mending" exercise today (Nicholas Beeston writes). A low-level meeting will attempt to repair damage caused by Mrs Thatcher branding the ANC a "terrorist organization".

Speaking to about 30 foreign journalists at his bush headquarters here yesterday, the bearded guerrilla leader said: "We consider the (government) offensive is over ... It is our reading of the situation that the MPLA (the Angolan Government) will not be in a position of launching another offensive, even in 1988."

He insisted that the victory of his lightly armed Unita forces, who rely mainly on mobility and portable anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, had been achieved without the assistance of South Africa.

"There is no battle going on. The MPLA is running way. Yesterday we had an engagement with a tactical group which lasted only 30 minutes ... so there is no battle which would warrant the presence of South African arms," Dr Savimbi maintained. He admitted he had received various kinds of South African support, but declined to go into detail.

General Malan's version of the fighting is that Angolan government forces had been defeated by Unita and were "on the run" when Moscow decided "in desperation, to become directly involved ... This, in turn, forced South Africa into a clear-cut decision: accept the defeat of Dr Savimbi or halt Russian aggression".

There are an estimated 37,000 Cuban troops and 5,000 Soviet, East German and Cuban military advisers and personnel in Angola in support of the local army of 80,000 men. A Soviet officer, General Konstantin Shagnovitch, is said to be in overall command of the current government offensive.

General Malan's statement followed one by General Jannie Geldenhuys, the chief of the defence force, publicly admitting for the first time South Africa's direct military involvement in support of Unita.

General Malan said that an Angolan government brigade – supported by the Cubans with tanks, artillery, anti-aircraft weapons, ground-to-air missiles and aircraft – had been "successfully forced to withdraw from its position".

The four deaths reported by Pretoria bring to 14 the number of white conscripts killed in fighting in southern Angola in the past 10 days. Two black members of the South African-controlled South West Africa Territory Force, based in Namibia, have also been killed.



Dr Ivan Toms, aged 35, a conscientious objector to conscription in South Africa, at prayer yesterday with his priest as 200 supporters gathered in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town. He has been charged with refusing army service and faces a minimum 18-month jail term.

While Dr Savimbi was reluctant to acknowledge Pretoria's aid, he was fulsome in his praise for the "crucial" role played in Unita's victory by Stinger anti-aircraft missiles supplied by the United States as part of a $30 million covert military aid deal. He insisted on calling them "those instruments whose name I cannot remember".

"We have neutralized all the air power of the MPLA," he said. "We have shot down every (kind of) plane they have here – bomber, jet fighter, interceptor, helicopter and transport plane. With five instruments, I got five planes."

The Angolan Government's loss of control of the air was a crucial factor in the failure of its offensive, he maintained. "They had no supplies, they could not give close (air) support to the advancing forces, they could not bring back casualties, and morale went down and down."

According to Unita, the Angolan Government has lost 1,984 men killed and 4,948 wounded since their offensive began on July 10. In addition, 70 Soviet and 96 Cuban military personnel have been killed or wounded. Unita puts its own losses at only 155 killed and 662 wounded.

It is estimated that about 18,000 men, backed by more than 100 tanks, were at one time involved in the government offensive, the biggest ever mounted. Dr Savimbi said that he had committed 10,000 men to the battle, but still had plenty more in reserve.

Some of the weapons which Unita claims to have captured during the fighting were displayed for foreign journalists and visitors, who included a personal aide of President Soares of Portugal, at a military parade here on Wednesday to mark the 12th anniversary of Angola's independence from Portugal.

About 200 Angolan government soldiers in ragged camouflage battle gear, some no older than 14, were also paraded, as were two Cuban pilots. Lieutenant-Colonel Manuel Rojas Garcia and Captain Ramon Quezada Aguilar, who were captured at the end of October when Unita forces, apparently using a Stinger, brought down their MiG 21 over the eastern province of Moxico.

Summoned to the reviewing stand by Dr Savimbi, Colonel Garcia, apparently under the impression that he was about to be shot by a firing squad, said: "I am prepared to die." Dr Savimbi assured him this was not the case.

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Kremlin secrecy on sacking of Yeltsin angers Muscovites

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Muscovites reacted with bewilderment yesterday to the sacking of the Kremlin reformer, Mr Boris Yeltsin, expressing anger at the paucity of information about his removal and a surprising degree of sympathy for a man now banished to the political wilderness.

Questions from *The Times* to passengers on Moscow's crowded underground, where the former head of the city's Communist Party had earlier staged one of his walkabouts to hear complaints first-hand, showed that two years of *glasnost* has led Soviet citizens to expect less secrecy from their leaders.

"I feel very sorry for the man on a personal level: he was the leading proponent of reform," explained a bespectacled aviation engineer, who was busy reading the meagre page-two *Pravda* report on the demise of Mr Yeltsin when we spoke at the busy Smolenskaya station. "The trouble is that we have been given such little information that it is impossible to make a proper judgement. On a serious issue like this, we should be told exactly what 'political mistakes' Comrade Yeltsin is supposed to have made. He always impressed me as a very energetic man, just the type we need."

Yelena, an economist in her early thirties, was equally outspoken in her criticism of the lack of details so far provided by the Communist Party, which has pledged only to publish at some unspecified date what happened at the crucial meeting on Wednesday when Mr Yeltsin was formerly deposed. She said: "We have been told the truth about Brezhnev and about Khrushchev, but not about this. That is not right.

"We are led by competent people, so I do not think they would have made a mistake by getting rid of Yeltsin. But so far I have only heard rumours. I saw him as a new broom who swept the old thinkers away in front of him. It will be easier for (Mr Lev) Zaikov (his successor), because so many of the old timers have gone."

Yelena, like other commuters I spoke to, had no criticisms of Mr Yeltsin, whom she claimed had done a good job since taking charge of the Moscow party in December, 1985. "We still have terrible shortages of things like meat. At least he looked as though he was trying to get things done."

The main concern about Mr Yeltsin's departure was to be found among young intellectuals. They see his exit as a clear signal that the new-found freedoms they have been enjoying in all the arts will disappear as the conservatives, led by Mr Yegor Ligachev, the austere party ideology chief, regain the upper hand.

"Everybody is asking why he has gone, what did he do wrong apart from speaking his mind?" someone who did not want to be named said. "The worry among my friends is that his removal will mean that other people will now be afraid to speak out. We thought that was allowed under the new conditions of socialist democracy."

Again and again I encountered resentment among the train users that they had no information to go on beyond two statements in the official Tass report.

These said there had been "major shortcomings" in Mr Yeltsin's leadership of the Moscow party, and his now notorious speech to the Central Committee on October 21 was "politically mistaken".

Honouring an ancient king



Mr Kim Jong Pil, the former South Korean Prime Minister and a presidential candidate, with his son (right) wearing ritual garments yesterday to visit the tomb near Pusan of an ancient forebear, King Suro, who died in AD 199. Meanwhile in Seoul yesterday Mr Kim Dae Jung, the veteran democracy campaigner, launched a new party, the Party for Peace and Democracy, and won a unanimous nomination to bid for the presidency in the December 16 poll (Reuter reports). Thousands of supporters at a Seoul rally voted for his candidacy.

US budget deficit

Horse-trading in full glare of publicity

From Bailey Morris, Washington

As the world watches in nervous fascination, the White House and Congress are performing a complicated political dance over the US budget deficit, that always runs the risk of an abrupt end.

Participants in the unprecedented negotiations, which have dragged on into a third week, have signalled from their hideaway that the general outlines of an agreement are near. They could be announced today.

The White House said yesterday that an agreement was close and that "the President wants a compromise". The numbers which have been floated, in a daily barrage of leaks from the "inner sanctum", are from $25 billion (£14 billion) to $32 billion (£20 billion) in deficit reductions in the current fiscal year, which began in October. This would include a tax increase, formerly anathema to President Reagan, of about $10 billion (£5.6 billion).

This negotiating in public of what, arguably, is the world's most pressing economic problem has been the pattern of the talks from the start. It is the reason there is cause for concern, according to officials involved in the talks.

At no point in the negotiations have the main players moved into a back room, drawing a veil of silence over the talks while they trade taxes for missiles, health care benefits for asset sales. This is the way substantive negotiations are normally conducted.

Democrat leaders in Congress have conducted extensive private polls, which suggest that "we are winning on this issue", according to a high-level official.

"President Reagan is perceived as the problem." It is for this reason, as the 1988 presidenital election campaign gets into full swing, that the Democrats are unwilling to budge on a tax increase. "We are not going to take the political heat for unpopular domestic cuts unless the president and the Republicans take similar heat for unpopular taxes," said a Democrat participant.

The chief negotiators, Mr Thomas Foley, the House Democrat majority leader, and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, are aware that they must have a success.

Neither side wants to be seen as the cause of a collapse which could send world markets into a second "Great Crash". So they agreed to agree on a general framework which would be announced with much fanfare. The details, however, the tough decisions on specific taxes and expenditure levels for individual programmes that will be cut, would be left to individual committees of Congress.

This adds another layer to the negotiations, which could take months to complete. The Tax and Appropriations Committees of Congress have resisted strongly similar proposals in the past. "Once you have a broad outline, you have to do the details and the details are hard to come by," said Senator Bennett Johnson, one of the negotiators.

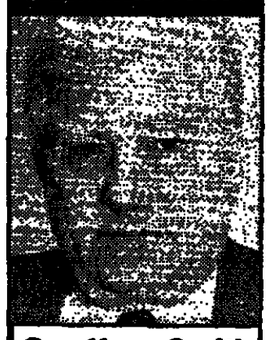
As an indication of the difficulty, Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary designate, suddenly demanded more money for the military as the talks neared a conclusion late on Wednesday, and the announcement of an agreement was called off.

A further important complication is the fact that President Reagan is still not directly involved in the talks, and it is still not clear whether he will accept $10 billion (£5.6 bilion) in new taxes. The leaders of the House and the Senate have privately requested a personal session with the President to gauge his support, but have been rebuffed.

Treasury officials have confirmed privately that the strategy of the Administration team has been to negotiate in the glare of the world spotlight with the aim of reaching a bipartisan agreement which can be presented to the President as one having strong political support. The theory is that he will not want to be seen as the person who torpedoed the deal.

But given his recent public statements, this is by no means certain. At the end of the day, the President, not the Treasury Secretary, will have the final say.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Natural causes are part of the trouble

A bizarre episode in modern politics

Washington – It is impossible to be here for even a few days now without appreciating how significant is the decline in the Reagan presidency – there has been a distinct change even since my last visit at the beginning of March.

Then the President was like a severely wounded but still formidable animal. It was the time of the Tower Commission report on the Iran-Contra scandal, which made him seem a detached and ineffective leader. But the memory of his dominance was still so fresh that he continued to command much respect as well as affection.

The affection remains, but there is a widespread feeling in Washington that he is losing his grip as President.

There has not been the smack of firm leadership in the economic crisis. Equally revealing in Washington eyes has been the débâcle over the appointment of a new Supreme Court Justice.

So what has gone wrong, and how serious is it? Part of the trouble can be ascribed to natural causes. There is inevitably a loss of momentum in the seventh year of a presidency. No longer does Mr Reagan have the same physical and mental energy, which is hardly surprising at his age.

The sense that he is a lame duck was much strengthened last year by the loss of the Republican majority in the Senate. On the night of the mid-term elections, I asked a then senior member of the Reagan camp at a private party in Washington whether it would really matter all that much which party controlled the Senate, given Mr Reagan's personal ascendency.

Oh yes it would, he replied. The Administration would find it much harder to get things done and therefore to keep the political initiative. He spoke like a man who had received a body-blow.

Yet all might still have been reasonably well but for two factors. One was the Iran-Contra affair. The country may now be bored by the saga, but it destroyed the President's reputation for toughness and judgement under pressure.

The other factor was the lack of an effective Chief of Staff. A President with as much disregard for detail as Mr Reagan must depend heavily on his right-hand man; and there has, I believe, been a distinct change in the quality of the Reagan presidency since Mr James Baker ceased to be Chief of Staff.

He was a capable administrator and a forceful adviser, with sensitive political antennae. Mr Donald Regan, who succeeded him, was an equally tough administrator although he lacked political sensitivity. Now, Mr Howard Baker is proving a surprising disappointment.

He was never expected to be much of an administrator, but he must have acute political antennae. Yet he is turning out to be a compliant adviser who does not push his opinion and is therefore not sufficiently influential.

What is extraordinary is that Mr Reagan should be so relaxed about the choice of the person who matters so much to him. The swap of posts arranged between Mr James Baker and Mr Regan to make Mr Regan Chief of Staff, which was then blindly accepted by the President, was one of the most bizarre episodes in modern politics.

Mr Howard Baker was appointed after no more than a brief telephone conversation.

Nonchalance has been one of Mr Reagan's principal assets, but now it is his principalweakness. The ease with which power seemed to sit on his shoulders was a most attractive quality. But he has been too careless to remain on top of the job.

For six years in the White House he displayed remarkable political gifts. Had his presidency ended then, he would be seen in a very different light today.

He remains a spirited and sometimes stubborn old man, who is by no means programmed by his staff on those issues which concern him deeply. But I do not believe that even a successful summit would restore his former easy ascendency. It is a matter now of getting through a presidency that reached its natural conclusion a year ago.

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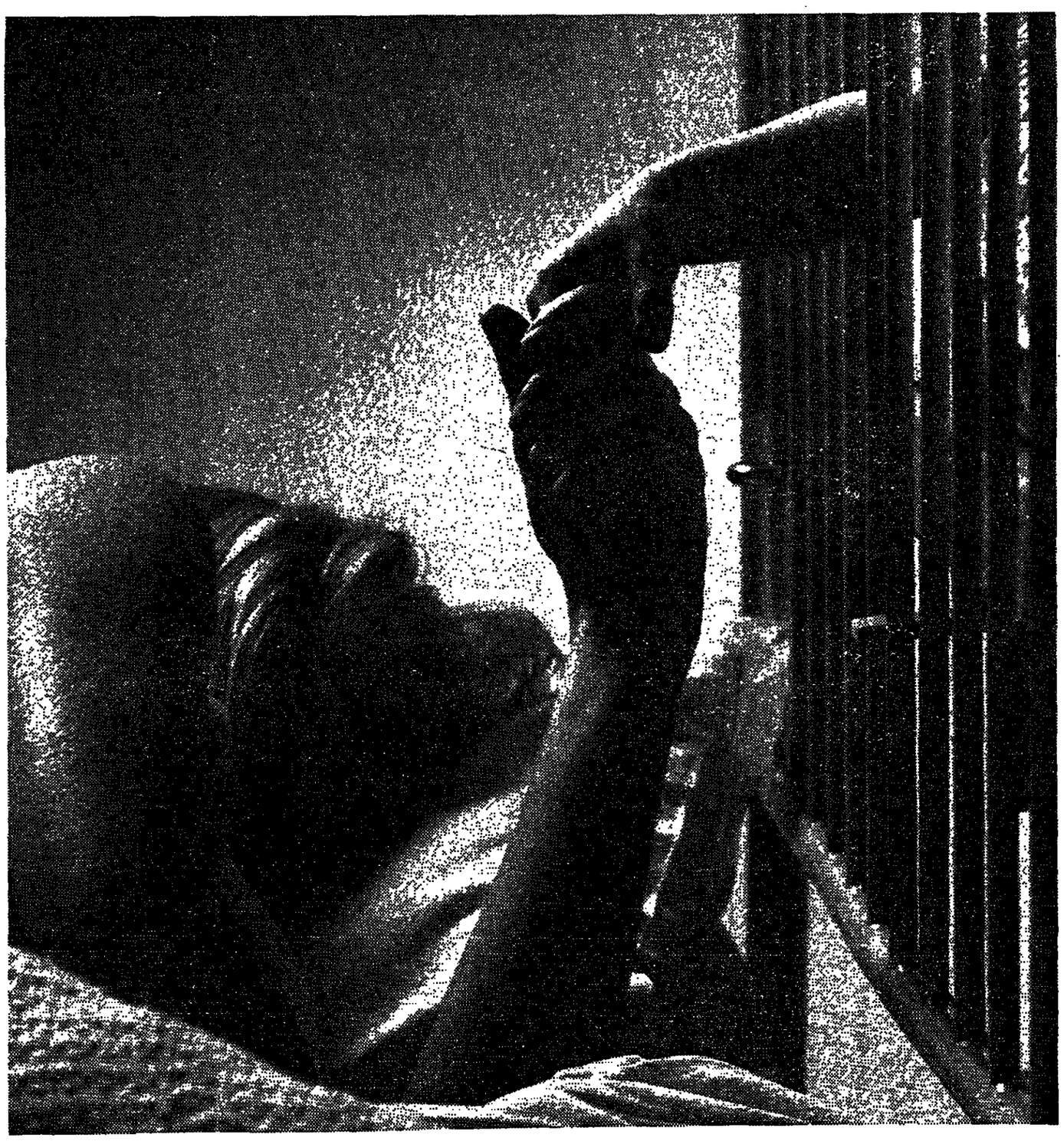
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Threat to Amman summit accord

Libya quick to open first chink in new Arab unity

From Ian Murray, Amman

Libya's Major Abdul Salam Jalloud looked out of place as he lolled back in his orange leather chair at the Royal Cultural Centre here at the closing ceremony of the extraordinary Arab summit meeting. The gathering condemned Iran and allowed relations with Egypt for the first time in nine years.

Alone of those delegation leaders in Western dress, he wore no tie. With his curly, tousled hair and big grin he looked more like an unruly teenager than the leader of his delegation. The absence of a tie was a kind of symbol. Within minutes of the last brotherly handshake, Major Jalloud was saying that the final statement was nothing but an "American-inspired" fabrication to divert attention from Israel, the Arabs' main enemy, and that Libya was not to be bound by it.

Jordanian officials, anxious to convey the message of King Husain that a new era for moderate Arab unity was dawning, were publicly undismayed. They explained that this was what could be expected from Libya. It did not matter because the summit had achieved its main aim in bringing about reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

That reconciliation will require a great deal of expensive maintenance — newspapers in Damascus and Baghdad are continuing to vilify the regimes in each other's country, Syria is continuing its support for Iran, against which Iraq failed to win agreement on any tangible sanctions.

The summit outcome, although an undoubted triumph for the King's diplomacy, begs the question, "How long will it last?"

Fear has provided the catalyst. The real threat of Iran and its fundamentalist message has concentrated the minds on the oil-rich Gulf states in a way that the Palestinian issue never could.



Major Jalloud: Libya not bound by final statement.

Since they remain the paymasters of the Arab Nation, they have had to buy the unity. Syria and Lebanon, with their exhausted economies, have a price; Jordan, with its huge defence budget, always needs money; Sudan has long been eager to regularize its relations with its great Egyptian neighbour.

In the Maghreb, moderate Morocco and troubled Mauritania have too many problems with the Polisario to be deeply concerned about the far-off Middle East. Algeria is concentrating on finding economic stability. Tunisia has a new regime. For all of them, fundamentalism is a real threat and a declared stand against Iran is a help.

So unity has been brought about by a combination of fear and lack of money. In all of the arguments, the Palestinian issue, which has been the cause of so many past Arab divisions, scarcely surfaced.

For Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the PLO, found himself largely ignored for most of the time he was here and, in consequence, boycotted a dinner. The King compensated by giving him two lunches and promising that the PLO was the "one true legitimate representative of the Palestinian people".

But the King also told the PLO leader that their long-standing quarrel remains. If Mr Arafat wants to take part in the international peace conference the summit endorsed as the proper forum for opening negotiations, then he will have to obtain his "visa". To get that he must accept the UN resolutions giving Israel the right to exist within secure borders.

That would mean Mr Arafat giving way on his main negotiating point before talks start, which he cannot do. But, until he does, he seems doomed to kick his heels in the corridors. His attempts to adopt a moderate position have estranged him from Syria and the more radical countries. Now the moderate position of the Arab unity leaves him isolated. The Arab unity may be fragile, but while it lasts Mr Arafat is even lonelier than ever.

Veteran tribute spans the generations



Bobby Rivers, aged 17, left, cocoons himself in the American flag to keep warm during the Veterans Day parade in Atlanta. Mr Tom Hyde, aged 93, right, a veteran of the First World War, was the oldest person to take part in Denver's ceremony.

Green light for Tamil autonomy Bills

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The Sri Lankan Parliament yesterday approved by 136 votes to 11 two controversial Bills which will give more autonomy to the Tamil minority in the island's Northern and Eastern provinces and create provincial councils.

While Parliament was deliberating, violence continued in the troubled Northern province. Twenty-five civilians were killed when a land mine exploded under a bus near Periyankulam, security forces said. The main Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, are believed to be responsible for the explosion.

The three-day debate on the two Bills — oneof which will create provincial councils akin to the state governments of India while the other alters the Sri Lankan Constitution to devolve power — was conducted under strict security because the proscribed Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna party, which spearheaded opposition to the proposed measures, had threatened to kill MPs who voted for the Bills. Two ministers and 16 MPs were guarded in a hotel and taken to Parliament by special transport.

During the debate Sinhala extremists exploded bombs, cut power lines, sabotaged railway lines and burnt buses.

Two Government MPs from the deep south, where there has been violent agitation against the Bills from the majority Sinhala community, showed their disapproval. Mr Gamani Jayasuriya, the Minister of Agriculture, resigned both from his portfolio and Parliament, while Mr Cyril Mathew, who was sacked as Industries Minister by President Jayewardene in December 1985, voted against.

The debate also ended speculation about the stand Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, the Prime Minister, would take on the issue. He said he voted for the Bills as they did not affect the sovereignty and unity of the island, but he would oppose the merger of the Northern and Eastern provinces. The merger is for one year until a referendum is held in the Eastern province to decide if the people there want to make the union permanent.

Gulf envoys plan UN talks despite Iran anger

By Our Foreign Staff

Iran reacted strongly yesterday to the final communiqué of the Arab summit in Amman on Wednesday, which gave full support to Iraq, its foe in the Gulf War.

The Foreign Ministry in Tehran said that Iran saw the "failed and impotent efforts of reactionary Arab leaders in Amman as a step along the American path of aggression", and would "deal the appropriate response to the United States and its dependants in the region".

In Tokyo, senior envoys from Iraq and Iran said they planned to visit the United Nations soon for separate peace talks with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, its Secretary-General, a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman announced. Mr Tareq Aziz, the Foreign Minister of Iraq, would arrive in New York today. An envoy from Tehran would visit the Secretary-General after Mr Aziz left.

In the Gulf, Iraqi warplanes hit a Greek supertanker, the 264,198-tonne Fortuneship L, and an unidentified vessel as the number of air attacks on shipping with Iranian links in the waterway climbed yesterday to six in four days.

The supertanker owners said their vessel briefly caught fire, but there were no casualties among the 25-strong crew.

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Slovenia gains prestige

Financial strength of republic envied

From Richard Bassett, Ljubljana

Small nations traditionally occupy the back seat in Balkan politics. The inhabitants of Slovenia, Yugoslavia's northernmost republic, have long inured themselves to statistical reality.

In a country where the population touches 20 million, barely a million Yugoslavs understand Slovene. Spread thin from the eastern Alps to the Adriatic, they have survived the turmoil of centuries by a well-judged policy of keeping their heads low.

In 1848, when most nationalities in Central Europe were up in arms against the Austrians, the Slovenes limited themselves to hurling the occasional portrait of Metternich into the Sava river.

Such attitudes of studied indifference, however, are threatened by Yugoslavia's financial crisis. Economic difficulties have highlighted the plodding industriousness of the Slovenes, who now find themselves the most prosperous republic, wielding economic power out of proportion to their numbers.

An efficient Western-oriented economy, with a tradition of hard but reliable bargaining, is something of a luxury in Yugoslavia. In Ljubljana, the Alpine capital of Slovenia, prices are double those in Croatian Zagreb and three times higher than in Bosnia-Hercegovina and Montenegro, less prosperous republics.

In what more southern Yugoslavs have dubbed "economic nationalism", the Slovenes behave with a mixture of detachment and contempt towards the financial problems of the poorer republics.

In the wake of the Agrokomerc scandal, which has rocked the country and discredited Bosnia-Hercegovina financial dealings, the Slovenes have acted with almost Germanic ruthlessness. Banks refuse to accept cheques drawn on Bosnian accounts, and some Bosnian businessmen have even had their funds frozen here.

This does not endear the Slovenes to the Serbs in Belgrade. Already paranoid about Albanian nationalism in the troubled Kosovo region, they fear that the Slovenes are becoming a little too big for their boots.

Symbolizing this, and a further sign of the Slovenes' financial power, is the fact that it is the only republic with its own airline. For two years Inex Adria has competed on many domestic routes with the national airline, JAT.

Though not easy to convey to readers in a country of tens of millions, it means an awful lot to the Slovenes to hear an air stewardess go through the safety drill in their own language.

Though Western observers have for many years considered Slovenia the republic with most to gain from a federal Yugoslavia — on account of its size — a more self-reliant note is being struck increasingly by the republic.

A manager, dressed in the latest American style, insisted: "If we were alone, we would have no financial problems. We could be an eastern Switzerland or Liechtenstein;



between Italy and Austria, useful for all."

Such sentiments are often encountered in Ljubljana, where there is widespread resentment at the late Tito's policies of "diluting" the northern republics with workers from the south. At night the once-fashionable Tivoli Promenade resounds to the cries and breaking of glass which denote excess.

For decades great Slovene architects and artists strove to express their country's unique identity. The celebrated Slovene architect, Joze Plecnik, rebuilt Ljubljana using classical and Mediterranean motifs: it forms an unfamiliar and alien stage for Serbs and Bosnians.

Today the Slovenes strive to resist "balkanization" in a more robust way, by developing a strong economy. However unwelcome the inflation, debts and financial scandals of the crisis are in Slovenia, no one can deny that it has strengthened the hand of the Slovenes. They may soon no longer be in the back seat of their country's politics.

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Aborigines' cell 'suicide' inquiry gets under way

From Keith Dalton, Sydney

An investigation began yesterday into the deaths since 1980 of 63 Aborigines in Australian police custody. There have been a record 16 jail deaths this year.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, who said he was "seriously disturbed" by the deaths, ordered the former Northern Territory Supreme Court Justice, Mr James Muirhead, to find out why so many detained Aborigines were dying in police custody or jail, most of them apparently suicides.

The most common method was hanging, using blankets, vests and in one case, a sock. Other deaths were recorded as the result of heart attacks, brain injuries, natural causes and "misadventure".

Police and non-government investigators pinpoint similarities in the well-publicized suicides. Most were teenagers or young men, usually drunk, and often arrested for minor offences. Many died within hours of being locked up in generally squalid cells.

Although making up only 1.5 per cent of the population, Aborigines account for more than 10 per cent of Australia's prisoners — a stark reminder of the poor living and social conditions of Aborigines, whose life expectancy is 20 years below that of white Australians.

There have been 20 deaths in Western Australia, 12 in New South Wales, 11 in Queensland, nine each in South Australia and the Northern Territory, and one each in Victoria and Tasmania.

Justice Muirhead, at a press conference, said the deaths were a "sad and continuing history which should be unacceptable to a society which espouses principles of justice and fair dealing."

"It is not, to my mind, only a question of ascertaining how Aboriginals in custody died ... but why they died and continue to die," he told 150 reporters, lawyers, black activists and the families of some victims.

Over the next year, Justice Muirhead will visit 32 towns, cities and Aboriginal communities to investigate the circumstances of each death.

Reluctant witnesses have been promised protection during and after the inquiry. But many black activists fear a cover-up. They say the onus of proof should be on the police to show that the deaths in custody were really because of suicide and not the result of police mistreatment.



Police officers inspecting the haul of armaments and ammunition seized on board the Guernsey-registered yacht, the Cedar Sea II, in Genoa.

Italy steps up drive against arms traffic

From Roger Boyes
Rome

Italian police searching a luxurious British-flagged yacht have unearthed a cache of Israeli Uzi machine-guns and other small arms, the prosecutor's office in the northern port of Genoa said yesterday.

The action is part of a new crackdown on the international arms trade by the Italian authorities in which they have been empowered to stop arms cargoes in transit.

In Savona, near Genoa, the Customs recently seized a ship, bound for the Gulf from Liverpool, and discovered several hundred crates of machine-guns, some of them assembled in Britain.

Last week, a ship carrying two tanks — not recorded in the shipping documents — was intercepted in Italian waters en route to West Germany, and the latest French haul of apparently Libyan guns and rockets bound for the IRA has sharpened the senses of the Italian Customs and prosecutors.

The boat, the Cedar Sea II, was registered in Guernsey and flies the Union Jack, but, according to investigators, is part of an international arms transaction that stretches well beyond British shores.

The handsome, bright white yacht is owned by Monawad Marine Ltd, a Geneva company headed by Mr Robert Monawad, a Lebanese banker. The manager of the yacht, Mr Youssef Hassan Monawad, aged 29, is a relative of the owner and officially a resident of Saudi Arabia. The 27 crew were on their way from Cap d'Antibes in France to the Middle East and had put in to Genoa for repairs.

The Italians, acting on a tip-off, interrogated the captain of the Cedar Sea II, a Venezuelan named Señor Leonardo Bedin. He was living in Italy while the yacht was being refitted. The captain admitted that there were arms on board, but could not give details because crew members were forbidden to enter the room where they were hidden.

The master cabin is panelled with cedar wood, and is decorated with jade stames. The *en suite* bathroom has gold fittings. Behind the panels and under the floor, the Customs found six Uzi machine-guns and several powerful hand-guns.

Mr Monawad, according to his lawyers, argued that the guns were needed for self-protection in dangerous sea lanes. The Italian prosecutors do not believe that version, and are trying to unravel what they view as a complex international arms deal. Mr Monawad had been arrested and accused of illegally importing weapons into Italian territory.

Rusty paper clip wrangle holds key to Demjanjuk's forgery claim

From Our Correspondent
Jerusalem

The West German attorney, Herr Goetz Polizien, was barred yesterday from testifying at Mr John Demjanjuk's war crimes trial in Jerusalem about his involvement in the 1980 acquittal of Mr Frank Walus, a Chicago man mistakenly convicted of being a Nazi war criminal (AP reports). Presiding Judge Dov Levine said the Walus case was irrelevant.

Dr Julius Grant, an eminent forensic chemist who testified this week in the war-crimes trial here of Mr John Demjanjuk, was the fourth defence witness to question the validity of a key piece of prosecution evidence, a Nazi identity card supposedly issued to the defendant.

A service pass from Trawniki training camp, where Mr Demjanjuk was alleged to have been before serving as a guard at Treblinka death camp, contains a photo of the defendant, his personal statistics, an equipment list and Nazi seals.

Three names are also signed on the card — those of camp commander, Herr Karl Streibel, its quartermaster, Herr Ernst Teyfel, and Mr Demjanjuk. The Ukrainian-born defendant denies he was ever at Treblinka, and claims the card is a KGB forgery, part of a Soviet plot to punish him for deserting his country during the Second World War.

Dr Grant, aged 86, testified that the card probably did not belong to Mr Demjanjuk. He said that the photo, which has two staple holes in it, may have been removed and replaced, and that the purported signature of Mr Demjanjuk did not match any originals of the defendant's with which he compared it.

There was a confrontation over another area that Dr Grant touched upon — two parallel rust marks over which Streibel's signature was written. The scientist said that these lines were made by a paper clip, and in his written statement said he had been told that such paper clips did not exist at that time and place. The implication is that the paper clip was put on the card at a later date and Herr Streibel's signature, too, was also added later.

Mr Michael Shaked, the prosecution lawyer, pounced on the assertion that this particular type of paper clip did not exist then.

The lawyer produced a standard paper clip and asked Dr Grant if he knew its name. When the scientist admitted he did not, Mr Shaked produced a study of shapes, sizes, and brands of paper clips published by the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners. "I am sincerely grateful that I can add something to your knowledge of paper clips," Mr Shaked stated.

Later in the cross-examination, he returned to the subject. It had been previously established that the name of the paper clip he displayed was a "Gem". Mr Shaked, apparently trying to illustrate that Dr Grant knew nothing about paper clips and was therefore unqualified to make the statement he did, pulled out another type and asked if he knew what it was.

The witness examined it and answered: "With all due respect, I am sure that this is a paper clip, but I have never seen one like this before." Mr Shaked suppressed a smile as he said: "I am sorry I have to admit this paper clip as evidence in a case of this gravity."

Dr Grant, who uncovered the forgeries of both the Mussolini and Hitler diaries, appears to be the most credible defence witness to date. He stood up well to the rigorous cross-examination, unlike previous defence witnesses whose testimony seemed to be torn to shreds. Ms Anita Pritchard, a psychologist, was so devastated by the prosecution's questioning that she attempted suicide.

Six expert prosecution witnesses have pronounced the card authentic, but despite Dr Grant's credibility, it looks like the defence is fighting an uphill battle in its attempt to convince the court that the document is forged.

Hostage gang takes £8m in bank raid

Brussels (AFP) — Three armed men escaped with a haul worth nearly £8 million after taking 13 hostages and forcing their way into the vaults of a bank during a public holiday in Belgium, police said here.

The men called at the homes of three bank employees and seized 13 people before driving to the Bruxelles-Lambert bank in Gembloux, 25 miles south-east of Brussels, where they forced the employees to open the vaults.

They spent the night and the following day — a holiday commemorating the Armistice — emptying 150 vaults before escaping. The alarm was then raised by the hostages, who were unhurt.

Aircraft scare

Miami (Reuter) — A Pan-Am jet bound for Caracas made a forced landing here after violent turbulence over the Atlantic tossed passengers around the cabin, injuring at least 31 people.

Death crush

Jakarta (Reuter) — At least eight people died and 40 were injured in a crush to leave an East Java stadium after an open-air film show attended by about 5,000 Indonesians.

Minister out

Port Moresby (AFP) — The Papua New Guinea acting Foreign Minister, Mr Aruru Matiabe, has been sacked after making public statements contradicting the Prime Minister, Mr Paias Wingti.

Nun jailed

Hanoi (AFP) — Three Catholics, one a nun, have been jailed for up to five years for helping Vietnamese boat people flee the country, the official Army newspaper *Quan Doi Nhan Dan* said.

Food airlift

Delhi — Helicopters were used to airlift food to Nagaland in north-east India after students in the neighbouring state of Assam blocked land deliveries.

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Bonn — Police in Frankfurt arrested a suspected arsonist after a £33.5 million fire destroyed the municipal opera house.

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Blot on the New Forest

The Verderers line up against the County Council, a peer against a major-general in a peculiarly English dispute over a short stretch of road. Alan Franks reports from the rural front line

The Verderers of the New Forest, guardians of the historic Hampshire acres, are up in arms today, and could do with a little help from their founding father, William the Conqueror. In a bitter and peculiarly English local drama worthy of *Blott on the Landscape*, this august body of caring commoners led by a peer seldom seen in the Upper House, finds itself at loggerheads with that upstart tier of land regulation, the County Council.

For this morning a group of Hampshire MPs is converging on the little town of Lyndhurst in the heart of the "forest" to see for themselves what plans the authority has laid to relieve the place of its summer bouts of traffic congestion. But the Verderers have not been invited to attend, and are complaining that it is they who are the true victims of bypass politics.

On the face of it, this is a story about a road — two miles of it, to be precise — with which the county intends to skirt the village, and, in so doing, build on the Crown Lands of the New Forest. But on closer inspection it touches on the heart of much larger issues — in particular the implications for planning procedures when oil exploration in the area comes to be considered (at least

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one major oil company is believed to be preparing an application). More immediately, it touches on the use of the Private Bill in Parliament as a means of bypassing the traditional public inquiry.

During the coming weeks, the New Forest will become one of the biggest hot potatoes on the environment agenda.

Last year the county council, wearied by a succession of inquiries and consultations into detour proposals, decided to deposit a Private Bill — the Hampshire (Lyndhurst Bypass) Bill — with the Lords. This it duly did last year, spurred by Councillor Major-General Rowland Mans CBE, a former director of the Military Assistance Office and a writer on defence and political affairs.

Although the author of a book on the complexities of Canada's constitution, the major-general has helped precipitate a constitutional crisis on his own doorstep. The Court of Verderers, which is charged with the preservation of the area, complained that under the New Forest Act of 1949 the transfer of forest land to a highway authority could only be made with *its* authority. This had been neither given, nor indeed asked for.

Cries of "Foul!" from the Hampshire heathlands.

By spring, a House of Lords select committee, under the chairmanship of Viscount Hood, met to ponder the Bill. Emplaced for the council was Sir Frank Layfield, QC, inspector of the inquiry into the Sizewell B nuclear power station between 1983 and 1985.

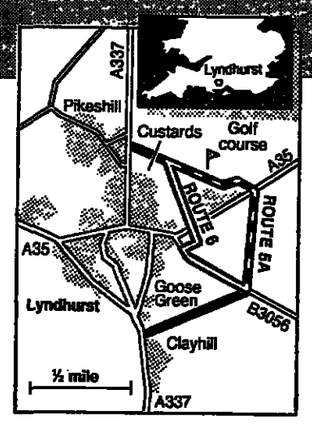
Ranged against the authority were the familiar ranks of initials: the CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England); RA (Ramblers' Association); OSS (Open Spaces Society); plus members of the Verderers' Court, squaring up to the storm like stout oaks. Their leader, Lord Manners, a hunting-and-shooting former flight-lieutenant who had never taken up his seat at Westminster, was only able to grace the proceedings by having been introduced to the Lords by two fellow peers the week before.

Meanwhile, Lyndhurst was gearing up for another summer of discontent. It is an attractive town in an unspectacular sort of way, happy to mind its own business while the holiday-makers bound for the south-west mind theirs. It is a place of tea shops, traders and traffic lights. Today, on a winter Friday, there are not too many hiccups in the flow of traffic. But during those 13 weekends of the summer season, the lines of cars stretch back for as much as three miles in either direction.

Peter Trevnor



Hot potato: residents protesting at the site of the proposed Lyndhurst bypass. Map: route 5A shows the proposed bypass; route 6 is that favoured by conservationists. The black line is common to both routes



While some of the shopkeepers fear a loss of trade as a result of the bypass, most of the townsfolk are in favour, differing only over the exact route it should take, and how wide a berth it should give the town at the expense of the New Forest.

"There's really not much doubt that some sort of a road should be built to solve the traffic problem," says Derry Seaton, leader of the New Forest Association. "The question is *where*. There are many of us here who believe that with a little more thought, and with a modification of something like 500 or 600 yards, it need not have such a severe impact on the forest."

"The forest." It has become an intensely emotive word at the core of a debate about quite other matters; the mixture of history, children, ponies and fiction is too potent to be omitted from a press release. But for all the conservationists' rhetoric about butterfly species and areas of natural vegetation, it is widely seen as a bit of a letdown — a bare necessity to be endured on the way to the coast.

But the conservationist lobby is still smarting from its defeat at the Battle of Okehampton two years ago, when it lost a rearguard action to stop a town bypass across Dartmoor National Park land.

Having been approved in principle by the report of the Lords select committee, the Lyndhurst Bill has now had its automatic first reading in the Commons; a second reading has been averted through a blocking motion by Andrew Bennett, Labour MP for Denton and Reddish, and is expected to be debated in the House in January.

Bennett is one of a growing number of members opposed to what they consider a "19th century-type abuse" of the Private Bill as a means of finding a rapid solution to impasses such as Lyndhurst. Historically, Private Bills (not to be confused with Private Member's Bills) have been used mainly by councils to acquire powers for local projects; they have been used less

'With a little more thought, it need not have such a severe impact on the forest'

frequently as town halls have acquired greater autonomy.

Meanwhile, Hampshire's hung council maintains that it has not ridden roughshod over the rights of the Verderers. "That suggestion is nonsense," a spokesman says. "The council has made it clear all along that everyone interested in the best solution to the traffic problem would have a chance to air their views. There have been two public inquiries already [both found against alternative routes]; our belief is that the route presently proposed is a fair compromise between the ones which were discussed at those inquiries.

"They still have their chance to say what they want to, now that the matter is before Parliament."

Derry Seaton is unconvinced, and believes the council is premature. "I say we should wait and see what is going to happen in the light of other developments in the region. If, as many of us fear, a new coal-fired power station is to be forced on us over at Fawley, then we might have to rethink the question of road networks."

Duncan Mackay, deputy secretary of the tiny but tenacious Open Spaces Society, is yet more critical: "The New Forest is a national park in all but name. Here is a county council who should be making common cause with us on how the local environment is to be best preserved. If we are going to fall out over a few hundred yards of bypass, one dreads to think what will happen when we consider even more momentous pieces of development, such as oil exploration in the region, as we will certainly have to before too long."

The raining attraction ...

Could anyone seriously think of selling wintertime Britain to the Americans? Henry Lewis is a man with a mission



Hooray for Henry: Lewis and Tudor (Terry Denton de Gray)

When Ronald Reagan launched his assault on Colonel Gaddafi in April 1986, not the least of the casualties was Henry Lewis from London. Only a few weeks earlier he had carried out an attack of his own on the United States, leading a small force to New York to persuade American travel agents to send more clients to Britain.

"Our trip was a fantastic success," recalls Lewis, never at a loss for a superlative. "I booked 34 groups to come over. Then Libya happened. The next morning I had 34 cancellations."

Lewis's company, Themes, which designs specialized itineraries for visitors, was badly hurt, but Lewis is not an individual to succumb to a single setback, however explosive. He bounced back. This week he began his fourth foreign sortie, his third on America, taking in Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Hartford, Connecticut. Included in his roadshow are Henry VIII (as played by Terry Denton de Gray) on behalf of a banqueting business, a Scottish piper, the Pearly King Minstrels and representatives of some 50 British businesses — all beating the drum for Blighty.

His US trips are founded on the conviction that much of Britain has yet to be discovered by America. The countless excellent small attractions — from jousting displays and silk museums to speciality restaurants and remote towns — Lewis believes are unjustly neglected by foreign visitors.

"Americans' needs have changed," he says. "Now they want unusual things."

But catching the eye of American travellers can be costly. "The usual trade shows to the States are expensive," explains Lewis. "The known attractions can pay for them out of petty cash, but everyone else is out of luck.

"I thought I would receive some financial support," he says, "after all I am trying to attract people to Britain. But instead I have had to mortgage my house. The British Tourist Authority won't even give me maps to distribute free."

Among those who did respond to his purpose, though, were Scotland's new airline, Highland Express International, and Washington DC's even newer Grand Hyatt hotel. As a result, Lewis was able to offer small firms the chance to shine overseas.

"Britain has been so stupid," he says. "People imagine it is enough to sit at their booth at trade shows like wax figures. But this doesn't work in America any more."

The most dramatic measure of the success of Lewis's innovation is provided by former roadshow participants, such as Maria Glott, the tourism officer for Bradford. Within days of her appearance in New York last spring, she had American agents pounding the streets of Bradford. "We had several large bookings for the summer," says Glott. "Yet until this year 99 per cent of the agents had never heard of us."

The memory of such progress temporarily replaces the determination in Lewis's eyes with a glint of pleasure. Then he begins planning again. "In this and future shows we are stressing the low season," he exclaims. "Britain is incredibly attractive compared to America in winter."

Terry Doyle

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Searching questions

Why do council property searches take 19 weeks in Hackney and a week in Havering?

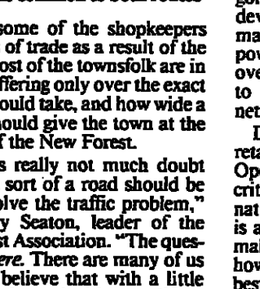
Last March Sarah and Graham Robson instructed their solicitor to go ahead with the purchase of a house in Hackney. He asked the local authority to carry out the necessary searches and enquiries. By the time the Robsons were ready to exchange contracts — the first week of July — he still had heard nothing.

"We had to instruct him to carry out a personal search," Mrs Robson says. "And to this day we haven't seen the council's report, although I suppose the solicitor may have had it by now."

The Robson story is not unusual. At present Hackney is taking about 19 weeks to return a postal search, by far the worst record of any London borough. The average delay in London is two to four weeks, but Lambeth is taking 10-12 weeks, Southwark nine weeks, Brent eight weeks, and Islington and Ealing around six weeks. Yet Wandsworth, Hounslow and Havering take a week or less.

So what has gone wrong? A popular view is that the delays are political. David Ashford of the National Association of Conveyancers says: "Some councils look at the staff resources they've got and take the direct view that it's more important for people to get meals on wheels than to help the bloated bourgeoisie move from one high class kitchen suite to another. The result is months of delay."

Trevor Kent, of the National Association of Estate Agents, says: "If councils are totally unreceptive when you phone to find out what's happening, you suspect it's political. One of the reasons for gazumping is the inordinate delays on searches coming back. In 20 weeks a home can go up in price a lot. It's hardly the owner's fault if someone walks in and offers £3,000 more."



But Hackney council says politics has nothing to do with the problem. According to John Durnion, assistant to the chief executive, it is a result of staffing difficulties, which are now being solved. "The department wasn't run down for policy reasons," he says. "It was a gradual process without corrective action being taken."

He blames a "significant shift in the pace of the local market" and the fact that the number of staff in the legal department, which handles searches, had dropped to four by June. "Now we're up to six," he says. "We should have seven." Temporary staff have also been taken on.

"We aim to clear the backlog from its unacceptable level by the end of the financial year. We are also looking at authorities who do things more quickly, to see how they do it, and carrying out a feasibility study on computerization."

Last year Hackney handled about 8,000 searches. This year it expects about 10,000. Havering handled 12,000 searches last year; this year it expects 13,000. They have four full-time staff and, says a spokesman, Ted Sears: "There is no magic system, simply a philosophy of turning the searches round in the shortest possible time. We usually take four to five days."

The Law Commission's Standing Conveyancing Committee is proposing to issue a consultative document putting forward a range of options that could speed up the system. Caroline Lonsdale, the committee secretary, says: "Computerization is one. Another possibility is that there should be a statutory duty on local authorities to respond within a certain time."

For the moment, the hapless house owner faced with long delays can put in for searches as soon as he puts his house on the market, and offer to sell these to any would-be buyer. Or the purchaser may have to rely on a personal search, carried out by his solicitor, or a personal search agency at an additional fee of around £50. This can often be done within 24 hours.

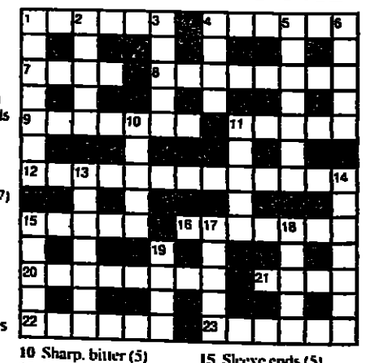
But the irony is that these desperate measures may serve to perpetuate the delays. As Simon Dunne, director of the PSA search agency says: "When people make an offer for a house, they are putting in for a search. They may end up making two or three offers before they buy — that's several false searches."

Lee Rodwell

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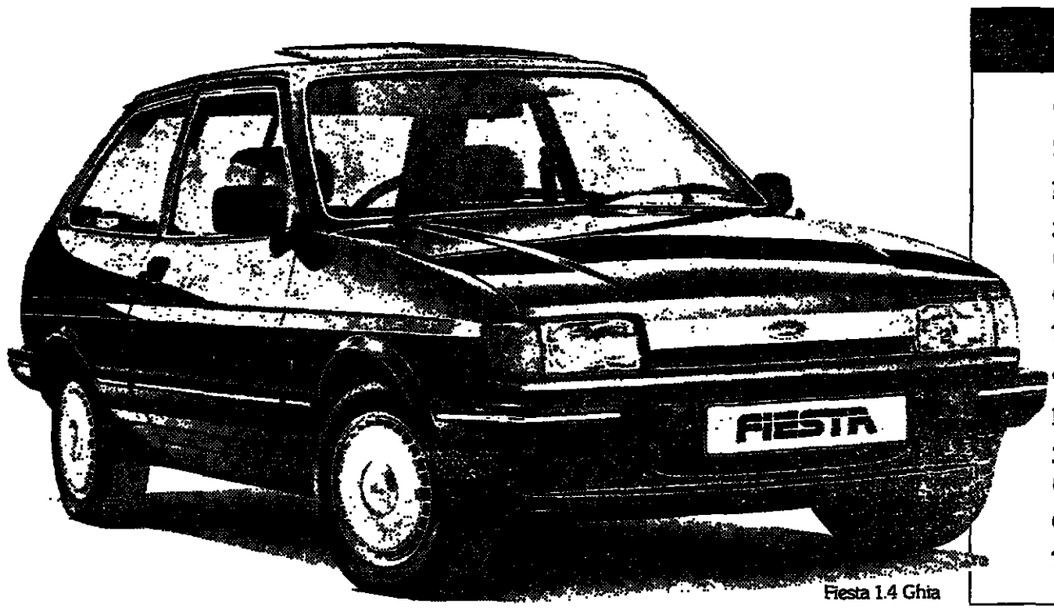
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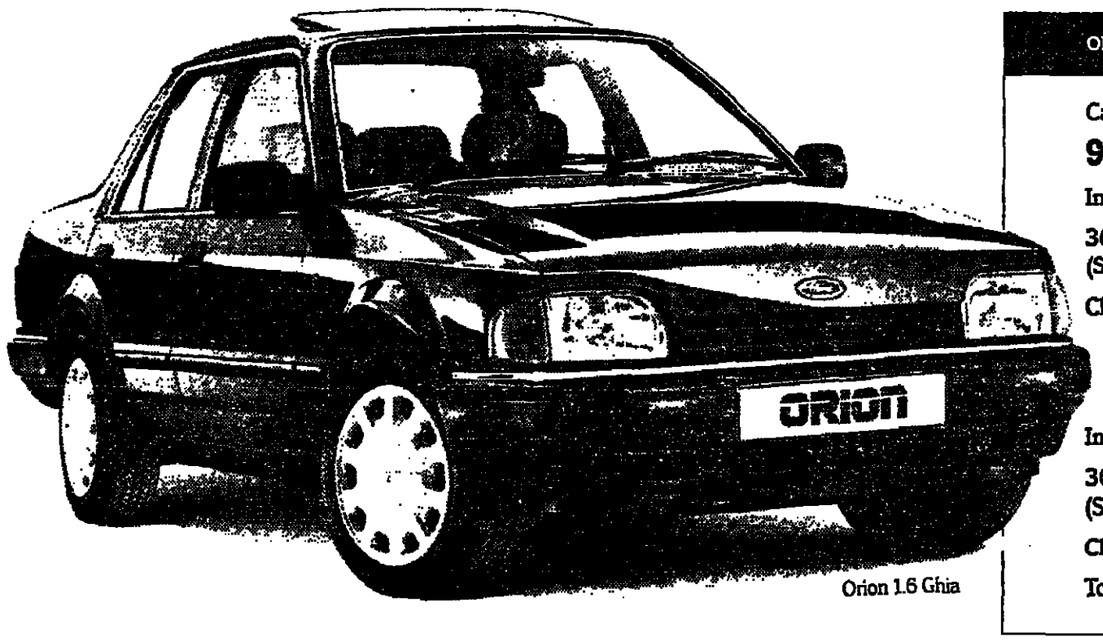
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Little aid for the law

The new Lord Chancellor will have his work cut out if the new legal aid bill goes through as it stands. Although the bill is not due to be published for three weeks, copies have been released to interested parties for comment and some lawyers are far from happy with the proposed degree of government control. The new Legal Aid Board, which will take over the running of the £400 million-a-year scheme currently operated by the Law Society, will come under even closer Whitehall scrutiny than had been feared. Eligibility, levels of contributions and the key issue of contracting out the work to be done by advice agencies and bureaux will come under Lord Mackay's close control or approval. And to add insult to injury, legal profession representatives are to be a distinctly small number on the board.

Built to last

Although SDP founding father and pro-mergerite Bill Rodgers is bowing out of full-time party politics, his influence on his former colleagues will remain crucial. Although he is to become director-general of the Royal Institute of British Architects he confirmed yesterday that he will keep his seat on the SDP's ruling body, the national committee, because of the constitutional complication of replacing him. He says he does not plan to take an active part at the monthly sessions, but that may prove difficult. The committee, which at the start of the merger backed the then leader, David Owen, and has since swung erratically, is now exactly split on the issue. The vote at the last count was 16-16. Rodgers says he will stay until merger negotiations are concluded. If they prove inconclusive he will resign rather than wait until next summer's national council elections. No doubting his political purpose, then.

Do unto thyself

On Wednesday morning consumer affairs minister Francis Maude launched the DTI's *Think! Safety! First!* campaign, warning people of dangers in the home. Apparently 5,500 people die after domestic accidents — as many as on the roads — and three million receive medical treatment. Maude had to rush from the launch to wind up the British Airways-BCal debate in the House. Forgetting his message, he charged down the stairs, slipped, and twisted his ankle.

Tetherness

Every traffic cop in South Wales is to attend rodeo lessons. Police at the forces' Bridgend HQ have decided to hold training courses on horse control after a recent increase in road and motorway accidents involving runaways from horse boxes. Untrained, the police admit, even the bravest constable can be cowered by a stampeding filly. "But there are at present no plans to issue ten gallon hats and lassoes," they add.

BARRY FANTONI



'They were probably trying to raise money to buy a Van Gogh'

Beaten track

Soviet citizens in Dushanbe, south of Tashkent, angered by the noise and danger from low-flying aircraft and frustrated by their failure to get the local airport closed, have declared war, according to a recent report in *Izvestiya*. A plank with long nails has been left on the runway, where lights are frequently smashed and the control tower has been stoned. In desperation Aeroflot has approached a local mullah and asked him to reason with the people.

No go-gos

Lady Porter's blue-rinsed Westminster Council must be doing something wrong. Across the river, Labour-run Southwark is citing Westminster as the model for its anti-stripper policy. The council has infuriated strip artistes, male and female, by adding a caveat to the music and dance licences it issues to local pubs that will prevent their hiring strippers and go-go dancers. As demonstrations began outside *The Frog and Nightgown* yesterday — the ban will cost the dancers and drag queens their £50 a gig — Southwark was paying tribute to Lady P for introducing the same regulation a year ago.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien questions the validity of the Hillsborough agreement in the face of Ulster's rising tide of violence



Ireland's time bomb

The second anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement falls on Sunday, one week after the massacre at Enniskillen. In the minds of Ulster Protestants those events are connected; as separate but related aspects of their besieged and friendless condition. They saw the agreement, from the beginning, as a stage in the direction of selling them down the river to Dublin. They also saw it as an act of appeasement in the derogatory sense: a concession extorted by violence and threats. The concession was made at the expense of the main target of that violence: the Ulster Protestant community.

As against that way of looking at things, its sponsors argued that the agreement was designed to increase security and reduce violence; a move to remedy the alienation of the minority community. As that alienation decreased, support for the security forces would increase proportionately; support for the IRA would decline, and so also the level of violence.

Unfortunately the argument has not worn well. Violence, which had been declining before November 1985, has increased since; 1986 was worse than 1985. The figures for the first nine months of 1987 were worse than those for all of 1986. And that was before Enniskillen.

The massacre at Enniskillen was not an act of "mindless violence"; it was calculated, with a definite political end in view. The end was not the destruction of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, though there has been some speculation to that effect. The present godfathers of the IRA are politically sophisticated, in their own ghastly way, and they know that their action, through its shock effect in the Republic, is likely to preserve the agreement.

Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, had been trying to wriggle out of ratifying extradition, but Enniskillen has made that harder for him. The IRA knows that the vote on extradition will have no significant effect on security. Nor is it really hostile to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. It denounces the agreement indeed, from time to time, but it likes the effect on the Protestants, as Gerry Adams, leader of Provisional Sinn Fein, made clear, soon after the agreement was reached.

For the IRA, the great merit of the agreement is that it infuriates the Protestants, whose anger can be exploited for the further, perhaps terminal, destabilization of the province. And the atrocity at Enniskillen was timed and placed to get maximum results, in terms of Protestant anger.

By striking on Remembrance Sunday the Provos managed not only to kill Protestants but also to demonstrate, through the desecration of a sacred day, their contempt for the whole Protestant community and everything it holds dear.

The place was also well chosen. Fermanagh is a border county; one in which the IRA has been systematically engaged, over the last 15 years, in something resembling creeping genocide. The strategy has been to pick off outlying Protestant farmers and shopkeepers, as opportunity offers, and so cause a Protestant exodus. Many of the Protestants thus driven from their homes have taken refuge in Enniskillen, where about half the population is Protestant. So, from the IRA's point of view, the Protestants of Enniskillen were the right people to hit.

'The IRA wants to goad the Protestants into retaliation, drawing them into conflict with the security forces and bringing about British withdrawal'

The Nazis used to speak of making regions, or countries, *Judenrein*: "Clean from Jews". The IRA has made parts of Fermanagh "Clean from Protestants". At Enniskillen the IRA signalled its intention to complete the job. The signal was the most savage act of cold-blooded provocation yet staged against the Protestant community.

The object of the IRA is to goad the Protestants into retaliation against the Roman Catholic community. That is not an irrational policy. Protestant attacks on Catholics allow the IRA to appear in its most advantageous role: that of defender of the Catholics. And the IRA knows that the Catholics, once under Protestant attack, will forget that the IRA provoked the Protestants into attacking in the first place. In each community the tribal memory is short, in relation to atrocities committed against the other.

But the main advantage, for the IRA, of goading Protestants into breaking the law, is that this will draw Protestants into conflict with the security forces, and that if this conflict takes on major proportions it could lead to British withdrawal. If British forces are attacked by terrorist groups from both communities, a British government might well decide to get out and leave the two local sides to fight it out, as in Palestine, 39 years ago. And it has been the main object of the Provisional IRA, since its foundation, to secure British withdrawal. The IRA is now trying to get the Protestants to help in that direction. British withdrawal, in those circumstances, would be followed by civil war, and the IRA believes that could be turned to their advantage — in the Republic if not in the North.

I believe the IRA has been making some progress in that direction, and that it has been helped, not hindered, by the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The effect of the agreement in generating alienation among Protestants is far more obvious in Northern Ireland now than achievements in ending the alienation of Catholics. As for "reconciling the two traditions", which Hillsborough was supposed to be all about, that is now a sick joke. I was in Belfast last Sunday and everybody I met told me that intercommunal relations are considerably worse now than before Hillsborough — bad as they were then. And my conversations took place early on Sunday afternoon, before the details of the Enniskillen bomb were widely known.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement has had some benign effects on relations between Dublin and London, and it also makes good public relations for Britain in the United States. All that is fine, but rather marginal. In Northern Ireland the effects have been, and continue to be, predominantly negative. In a pamphlet published on Tuesday, Sir Charles Carter, one of the most judicious authorities on Northern Ireland, argues that the Anglo-Irish Agreement "has alienated the majority without reconciling the minority." And that is exactly how it is. The British government and public should face up to it.

I believe that unless the British government can soon convince the Protestants of Northern Ireland that it is serious about security, the province may be on the eve of greater troubles than anything experienced to date. And carrying conviction on that matter may well not be compatible with the hopes and expectations of the Dublin partners in the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

It happened that at the time the bomb went off in Enniskillen, the SDLP was holding its annual conference at Newcastle, County Down. On hearing the news, John Hume very properly adjourned the conference. I know that the horror and distress of Mr Hume and his colleagues was deep and genuine; and reactions in the Republic were the same.

Yet there is a fatal ambivalence here. Hume told his conference of "considerable progress" over the past 18 months. In the area of justice all the items of "progress" reported — a long list, beginning with the cessation of supergrass trials — were changes that made things easier for the accused, and harder for the prosecution. The more progress of that kind in Northern Ireland, the more likely it is that the perpetrators of the Enniskillen massacre will get away with it. And already they are very likely to do just that.

Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, should make it clear that future progress of the kind approved by Mr Hume is not what Northern Ireland needs at present.

As for the agreement, it provides for a process of reassessment, by both parties, at the end of three years. If then, in a further year, it continues to be rejected by the majority of the population of Northern Ireland, and has not produced any reduction in violence, or improvement in intercommunal relations, then the necessary conclusions should be drawn, and the agreement should end. Security co-operation between the two governments should resume on the basis on which it rested for decades before the agreement.

There are dangers in abandoning the agreement. But they are much less than those which would result from persisting with its implementation, and with progress à la Hume, while the IRA continues to escalate its war against Protestants, and gets away with murder.

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John Rae

Putting the case for the core

The day after the battle of Friedland in 1807, his enemy fleeing eastward to Russia, his control of continental Europe at last assured, Napoleon dictated a letter to Paris detailing his plans for the education of girls. In education, as in military strategy, he knew exactly what he wanted. He firmly believed, like the 18th century *philosophes*, that the right sort of education will produce the right sort of citizens. The French revolutionaries, too, made educational schemes a high priority. The more extreme Jacobins were convinced that by prescribing the curriculum they could ensure the triumph of republican virtue.

To a greater or lesser extent, most societies have believed that the state should dictate what is taught in schools because only the state knows what sort of citizens it requires. The history of education in Russia, from Peter the Great to the present day, is one obvious example. But it is not a belief that has appealed to the British. Not that is, until now.

For the first time, a British government is openly espousing the idea that there is a direct connection between the curriculum and the health — in our case the economic health — of society. Just as Robespierre assured the Convention in 1793 that national education was necessary to bring about "a complete regeneration" of France, so Kenneth Baker will be assuring Parliament that a national curriculum is necessary to bring about the economic regeneration of Britain.

The British have for so long regarded such a utilitarian view of education as alien that it is difficult at first to understand how the national curriculum has become the centrepiece of Mr Baker's policy. The difficulty is increased because the national curriculum is being packaged with Thatcherite policies that originated in the Tory think-tank, the Centre for Policy Studies.

So two separate revolutions are occurring simultaneously. One is the Thatcherite revolution, introducing a number of measures intended to make education more responsive to parents' wishes. The other is the Napoleonic revolution which intends to make education more responsive to the needs of the state.

This second and more fundamental revolution is neither Thatcherite nor Tory in its origins. It marks the final triumph of a long campaign by the Department of Education and Science. In 1977 the Department persuaded the prime minister, James Callaghan, to include in his now famous speech on education at Ruskin College a reference to the need for a basic core curriculum. The Department's arguments would have been immediately understood by Napoleon or Peter the Great. If Britain was to be a successful nation in its post-imperial phase, priority had to be given to industrial objectives; education, like other aspects of social policy, would have to be geared to industrial needs; only by central control of the curriculum could this be achieved.

In 1977, no political party was prepared to act upon the Department's uncomfortable but impeccable logic. In the great debate inspired by Callaghan's speech, the participants dissociated themselves from the idea of a national curriculum. "The debate showed a surprising amount of agreement between Mrs [Shirley] Williams and her opposition shadow, Mr Norman St John-Stevas." *The Times* reported on February 3, 1977. "Both rejected the idea of a common core curriculum imposed on schools by central government."

The Department bided its time, confident that a political consensus in favour of a national curriculum would emerge. The process has taken ten years. Delusions of grandeur, folk memories of absolutist ogres from Louis XIV to Adolf Hitler, dishonest arguments about academic freedom and sheer inertia in the teaching profession all conspired to postpone a consensus. Even now the parliamentary opposition is in two minds whether to support the idea of a national curriculum, while the teachers oscillate between hysterical warnings about Nazi-style education and demands that their own pet subject should be rammed down the throats of all children.

The critics of the national curriculum have no sense of history. They do not understand what is happening or why. They think the national curriculum was invented by right-wing ideologues as a device for clipping the wings of trendy teachers who teach peace studies instead of history. They seem unable to grasp that what is at issue is not whether history or peace studies should be on the curriculum, but whether the Napoleonic theory of education is correct. Can you, by prescribing what is taught in schools, produce the sort of citizen, and hence the sort of society, you desire? And even if that is true as a general proposition, will it work when your goal is not republican virtue or military supremacy but economic and industrial revival?

These are the questions that should be debated, but the chances are that they will not be. The parliamentary opposition will concentrate on the need for more resources to make the national curriculum work and the teachers will continue to pursue red herrings in the form of individual subjects.

This will suit the Department very well. It would much rather argue about the detail than the principle. I do not think the Department should get off so lightly. There is evidence, both historical and contemporary, that control of the curriculum can contribute towards economic success and the Department should be required to produce it. A good policy should not be denied its real justification just because its opponents are so determined to bark up the wrong tree.

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Strong-arm strategy

"Good morning, Minister — and welcome to Over Wallop camp. I am the commanding officer and I would like to introduce Christopher Madsa-Hatter, my Number Two, and Regimental Sergeant-Major Hardknutt. May I say how delighted we are that you have decided to visit the 1st Royal Wimpshires.

"Over here you can see a list of our battle honours — Cromwell's Irish campaign, the Highland Settlements, the Gordon Riots, the General Strike . . . I am sure you will agree at the end of this briefing, sir, that we have absolutely nothing to hide — and indeed a great deal to be proud of. Isn't that so Sergeant-Major?

"Sir!"

"You see minister, where the, ah, gentlemen of the press have got things a little bit wrong is in interpreting what they have seen here as simple 'bullying'. In fact nothing could be further from the truth. It is all an essential part of Nato training. Isn't that so, Christopher?"

"Absolutely, Colonel."

"Good. First slide please, Sergeant-Major . . . Now, you see, sir, what we have here is a photograph of a young man whose head is being held under water in the ablutions by his chums. What a visitor from Mars might describe as a pretty violent scene, eh? It all starts to make sense, however, when you appreciate that the young lad in question is a Russian.

"Well, no, I will concede that he's not *actually* a Russian. In fact he's Private Entwistle from C Company. But he was playing the part of Boris as part of our Field Army Interrogation Training, otherwise known as Faint — a term with which you might soon become familiar here.

"I can assure you that if there is one thing a Russki doesn't like it's being manhandled in the ablutions. It reminds him of the British public school system — upper middle-class privilege and that sort of thing. Subject a Russian to that and he'll soon tell you anything you want to know — his army number, the name of his CO, what he thinks of Mrs Gorbachov, his mother's personal recipe for borsch . . . Next slide please, Sergeant-Major . . .

"Now sir, here you see Private Entwistle again — upside down this time, being dangled by his ankles from an upstairs window of HQ Block as part of a demonstration of what the Russians might do to any of our lads if they caught them. I'm afraid this trial had a rather unfortunate sequel because the regimental band was rehearsing below for a passing-out parade, and at this point broke into the National Anthem. Private Entwistle's chums instinctively came to attention and saluted . . .

"But I'm delighted to say that he's making good progress and should be out and about again soon. I gather he's asked for a transfer to the Parachute Regiment. Said something about wanting to be properly equipped before making his next descent. Ha, ha ha . . . wonderful spirit, don't you think? Next Sergeant-Major . . .

"This is the camp assault course you're looking at now. Yes, those recruits *are* running barefoot over broken glass. Why? Well, to get away from the corporals who are chasing them, I imagine. Just another part of our toughening up training . . . Here they are again, you see, tied down on the road this time while a main battle tank drives over them.

"Yes, they do look a teeny weeny bit apprehensive don't they? You have to realize of course that most of the youngsters have never been away from home before — except perhaps for a holiday in Benidorm. Inevitably it all seems a bit strange to them. That is why I keep telling them that my door is always open — so they can bring their problems to me. What? Well, yes, they brought Private Entwistle to me for a start . . .

"You see, we are a proud regiment, Minister. I don't mind admitting that. Actually we were wondering, sir, if we could tempt you on to the assault course yourself? A photograph would perhaps reassure the public . . . No? Oh well, perhaps a little demonstration by some of our lads? You'd prefer a stiff gin and tonic in the Mess? Ah well . . ."

The financial crash, INF and Gorbachov's peaceful image: Richard Owen reports on the sharp differences in allied reaction

New currents in the Nato drift

Bologna

"The trouble with Nato," a Dutch diplomat said this week, "is that it is no longer exciting — and Gorbachov is". The alliance is approaching an identity crisis. Despite rhetoric about unity and consultation, leading figures on both sides of the Atlantic are aware that the conditions in which Nato was forged have changed dramatically.

At a US-European conference in Bologna this week, organized by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, legislators, academics and economists identified three forces pushing Europe and America apart: the world financial crisis and the dispute over the US budget deficit; the dilemma over European defences after the imminent INF treaty on intermediate-range nuclear weapons, and Gorbachov's success in projecting himself as a man of peace and reason.

"I tell you frankly," one American official confided, "our studies show many Europeans think more highly of Gorbachov than they do of President Reagan."

What is happening, to some extent, reflects the change of generations. The Bologna conference marked the 40th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, through which the US helped Europe to recover from the ruins of war and ensured the survival of democracy. Inevitably, perhaps, discussion was dominated by what Denis Healey referred to as "the old devils". (Healey had just been given an inscribed copy of the Kingsley Amis novel.) After the war, Healey recalls, young men and women from Britain, Europe and America were thrust into positions of great responsibility in the reconstruction of shattered West European economies.

Forty years on, the Marshall Plan, like Nato, is taken for granted. Named after the then Secretary of State, the scheme pumped more than $13 billion worth of aid into Western Europe (Eastern Europe, on Stalin's orders, turned it down). "What we did not expect," one American said, "is that Europe would not only stand on its own feet, but turn against us".

George Ball, former US ambassador to the United Nations, who, like Healey, was present at the creation of the Marshall Plan and the postwar institutions, puts it differently: the Cold War assumptions which produced Nato have crumbled away. The US is left playing an outdated role as self-appointed world policeman, while Europe gropes towards unification and agonizes over whether to keep nuclear weapons to maintain deterrence in the new age, and whether to accept Reagan's assurances of "unshakable commitment" to European defence.

These new tensions are fuelled by the worldwide collapse of share prices and pressure on the dollar. US officials are irritated by what they see as self-righteous European demands for action to tackle the US budget deficit "as if it was the root of all evil", as one US academic put it. American officials detect a new wave of anti-Americanism in Europe, while many Americans regard the Europeans as soft on terrorism, susceptible to Soviet blandishments and hypocritical in demanding higher standards of Washington than of themselves.

Many of these tensions amount to family squabbles within an alliance which still remains intact. Western Europe is not in danger of becoming pro-Soviet, however much sympathy there may be for Gorbachov; nor is there a real danger of European neutralism, even in West Germany, which has a special relationship with the East. But European leaders are looking ahead to a world in which the US puts Europe low on its list of priorities.

How long, some ask, before US budget cuts lead to troop withdrawals from Europe? Some add the heretical thought that this would not be the end of the world. Why not add a defence dimension to the EEC, or at least develop a European strategy within Nato?

The three major meetings which fall in December — the EEC Copenhagen summit, the Reagan-Gorbachov meeting in Washington and the Brussels Nato Council — will show whether either the Europeans or the Americans have a clear idea of the shape of post-INF defence. According to senior Nato officials, one option is for land-based cruise and Pershing missiles to be replaced by air-launched nuclear missiles and bombs as "compensatory measures". On the other hand, the same European public opinion which supports INF would probably greet this with dismay, and if Moscow also took "compensatory measures" we could be back to square one.

The alternative is for Europe to build up conventional weapons. But, as George Ball remarked, this is not only costly but also implies a return to the risk of conventional war on European territory, a threat which Europeans believe has been kept at bay by 40 years of the nuclear balance. Similarly, the Europeans are disturbed by Star Wars (an anxiety Ball fully shares), with its implied yearning for a return to pre-nuclear innocence.

The Europeans, in other words, have a contradictory view of nuclear disarmament, regarding it as both a boon and a curse. If the superpowers now go on to agree a 50 per cent reduction in strategic weapons by mid-1988 this, in turn, could affect Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent, since the warheads will be supplied by Washington from a reduced stockpile.

The survivors of the Marshall Plan complain — no doubt overlooking their own occasional blunders and failures of vision — that the new generation lacks clear leadership. What is needed, the conference suggested, is genuine political and economic unity in the EEC to provide coherent European policies (although Britain's insistence on playing a world role as well as a European one causes problems); a Western summit to sort out the troubled financial scene and fears of protectionism (engendered on the European side by the US Trade Bill now passing through Congress); and — a suggestion made by American liberals as well as Europeans — agreement by Washington to act more through international agencies such as the UN.

There are signs of hope. Nato has many underlying strengths, including its ability to discuss changing realities in public and question basic assumptions, which the communist world cannot. EEC integration should (if the target is met) be hastened by the planned abolition of internal barriers in 1992. Equally, Gorbachov's greater willingness to support and use the United Nations could lead Washington to take a similar direction. It remains to be seen, however, whether the West can meet the challenge of the "old devils" and respond to Gorbachov in a coherent way.

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MOOD BEGINS TO CHANGE

The encouraging thing about yesterday's US trade figures was less the figures themselves than the reaction of the markets. The bounce in the dollar and the strong recovery in share prices, especially in London, show that for the time being the markets are in a mood to look on the brighter side given half a chance. The recent all-pervading pessimism has not disappeared, but at least investors are not impervious to better news.

The figures show an underlying improvement in the US trade position, though there are likely to be further setbacks before the trade deficit falls decisively. A trade deficit of $14.08 billion in September is both better than expected and better than the $15.68 billion in August. It may also be better than it looks. Seasonal factors tend to be adverse during the summer months. A slower build-up of oil imports, as traders get used to their worries about the Gulf, accounts for some of the better showing. This still leaves an improvement in the non-oil deficit of about $1 billion; not a bad advertisement for the policies which governments were trying to pursue before the crash.

The fall in the dollar, which was arrested more or less by the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability in February, was beginning to yield the improvements in competitiveness which would eventually bring down the deficit. But since then the US currency has fallen much further. The immediate effect of this will be to make imports dearer — imposing a new adverse movement in the deficit before increased competitiveness begins to yield another improvement.

But, if a lower dollar is beginning to effect some improvement in the US trade account, the markets are still waiting for delivery on the second half of the Louvre accord. As well as pledging themselves to keep exchange rates roughly stable the members of the Group of Seven industrial nations promised to make the necessary policy adjustments to achieve that. Spurred by the crash in share prices, progress towards adjustment now looks nearer than it has for some time.

The likelihood is that the US Administration and Congress will come to an agreement on reducing the US budget deficit. At the same time there are hints by the countries in trade surplus — Federal Germany and Japan — that they will expand so as to reinforce the effect of America's deficit reduction. It is essential that they do, because the danger of world recession looms much larger after the crash. The need for expansionary action, which the low-inflation countries are best placed to take, is more pressing than it was during the year or more of previous diplomatic exchanges on this issue. This must be the subject of the G7 meeting which is expected to follow any agreement on the US deficit.

Events since "Black Monday" do not encourage great confidence in a meeting of minds. Since the crash finance ministers and central bankers around the world have continually stressed the importance of economic co-operation and the extent to which everyone believes in the same tablets of scripture. But, to judge by their actions rather than their words, financial leaders have shown every sort of political frailty. Last week, West German action to bring down interest rates was completely neutered by an incautious phrase from the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, suggesting that the US would be prepared to see a lower dollar rather than risk US recession. If ministers cannot even get the words right, can we rely on them for the action?

The question is most pertinent in the US. No-one gains from a US recession, least of all an Administration approaching an election. But the best hope of avoiding the worst consequences from the stock market crash lies in co-ordinated action. This is likely in the end to prove a better form of electioneering than further neglect of the dollar.

A SEMBLANCE OF UNITY

Little should be expected from summits of any kind. That of the Arab League, which ended in Jordan on Wednesday, produced less than had been hoped for when it was first mooted earlier in the autumn, but more than was expected when it began.

The Americans and the West Europeans had wanted a strong call for sanctions against Iran. It can hardly be said that they got it. If they had, it would have strengthened their hand with the Russians in their attempts to institute a United Nations arms embargo against Tehran, the next step now that the resolution calling for a cease-fire in the Gulf has come to nothing. Instead, the final summit communiqué from Amman condemned Iran's occupation of Iraqi territory, and supported the existing UN resolution on the war but stopped short of a call for sanctions.

Even so, the communiqué, relatively mild as it was, confounded the general view immediately preceding the summit that the absence of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and the intransigent mood of Syria would be enough to scupper any suggestion of a united Arab position — whatever that unity is worth. At the end, only Libya departed from the consensus, which also included a decision to allow individual states to re-establish diplomatic relations with Egypt.

The prospect of an Iranian victory in the Gulf War, and the consequent threat of Iran's fundamentalist revolution sweeping the Arab world, might appear to have made it easy for Arab governments to make common cause against Iran. But not so. South Yemen, which refines Iranian oil in Aden, has been ambivalent towards Iran, as has Algeria. In the Gulf, too, self-interest has dictated differences in emphasis. Kuwait, closest to the battlefield, is in favour of a strong line; Dubai, where Iranian ships queue to be serviced in the dry docks and a cross-Gulf black market flourishes, takes a softer attitude.

Saudi Arabia, the moving spirit of the Arab world, belongs to the hardliners and might have been expected to marshal the Gulf States into line. But the alignment of Damascus with Tehran, stemming from Syria's feud with Iraq, was an obstacle on a different scale.

Syrian opposition to Iraq goes back to the time of the assumption of power by President Assad in 1970, following which both his predecessor and various Syrian luminaries of the Baath socialist movement took up residence in Baghdad. Personal animosity to President Saddam Hussein has intensified the rift over the years. But in seeking Syrian agreement to a consensus view on the Gulf war, the Saudis and the Jordanians had a useful card to play: Syria's economic bankruptcy.

As more of a potential combatant than most other Arab states in the struggle with Israel, Syria receives large amounts of economic assistance from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf under an Arab League agreement which runs out next year. Part of the bargaining in Amman this week will almost certainly have involved the threat of withdrawing that aid, or increasing it in the event of Syrian compliance. Kuwait, in particular, which reduced its payments to Damascus several years ago, may now be prepared to pay more.

The result has been President Assad's willingness to add his name to the summit's mild condemnation of Iran but not to tolerate a more decisive Arab stand. His intention entirely to break his relationship with Iran remains in doubt, but this consideration was extraneous to the purpose of the summit for which the semblance of unity rather than the reality was the vital element.

From the point of view of the pro-Western moderate Arab states, the summit communiqué represents a respectable compromise, signalling a minor triumph for King Husain and leaving Libya ever more isolated on the fringes of the Arab world. For the international search for a diplomatic solution to the Gulf War, this week's events in Amman signify very little.

ENGLAND HOOLIGANS AWAY

England's soccer team qualified on Wednesday for the European championships in West Germany next June. This raises a question vital both to the policemen and the peaceful *Bürger* of the Federal Republic: have England's soccer hooligans qualified too?

Since the Heysel stadium tragedy in May, 1985, which involved the fans of an English club (Liverpool), all English clubs were banned from taking part in European competitions indefinitely. This produced an anomaly. A team such as Norwich, whose fans are generally peaceful, won a domestic cup competition and therefore qualified for a European cup winners' competition in 1985-86 — but, because of the post-Heysel ban, could not take part.

The ban did not apply, however, to the English national team. Yet some of the English fans' most disgraceful actions have been perpetrated in its name. In the last European championships for which England qualified (Italy, 1980), police fired tear gas into the English fans in Turin when they attacked those of Belgium.

Soccer hooliganism is, in one respect, like terrorism. Authority denounces it, promises to punish the guilty, says it will never compromise with it. But it often shrinks from the stern measures which would defeat it. In the case of soccer hooliganism, the measures often do not have to be all that stern. The way to ensure that as few English hooligans as possible run amok in West Germany next year is to make it as inconvenient as possible for them to get tickets for the matches. They should have to book well in advance.

A few of the more dedicated ones would still make the trip on the off-chance of getting into the ground on the day. If unable to get in, they would roam around pillaging, say, Düsseldorf. But most would stay in England, where at least their activities would do no more to ruin the country's reputation in the eyes of civilized Europe. Having to book in advance reduces the number of potential hooligans who might decide during the championships, at relatively short notice, to board ferries across the channel and the North Sea for the purpose of pursuing their brutal pleasures in West Germany.

But authority has other concerns — "authority", in this case, being soccer's officialdom in both England and West Germany. The English Football Association has long been agitating for the post-Heysel ban on English clubs to be lifted early. In September, when "only" 30 Britons were arrested at a West Germany v. England friendly match in Düsseldorf, the English FA thought this was a sign of better behaviour and grounds for hope that the ban would end early.

As for West German soccer officialdom, it intends next year to sell tickets to English fans on the day. This is because it wants to make as much money from the championships as possible — seemingly regardless of the cost to the West German taxpayer, who pays for the police; to innocent bystanders; to the owners of bars and shop windows, and to Anglo-German relations.

At Heysel, 39 people were killed. However inadequate the Belgian crowd arrangements were, the blame lay with the English fans. However rough the justice to which English clubs were subjected after Heysel, English hooligans must learn that punishment will not be mitigated. The hooliganism of certain Englishmen abroad continues to shame this country. The West German soccer authorities should not sell tickets next year to English fans on the day of matches, and the English FA should do nothing to encourage them to do so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BMA view on doctors with Aids

From the Chairman of Council of the British Medical Association

Sir, As your leader, "Confidential Aids" (November 11), points out, doctors are entitled to patients' rights to confidentiality of condition and treatment when they themselves are patients.

Like other patients, once a doctor is diagnosed as being HIV positive counselling and advice about the virus will be given. The individual will then learn exactly how to modify his or her professional lifestyle so that patients can be safeguarded. The advice will come from other doctors who will have expert knowledge about Aids and its transmission.

Before there was a cure for syphilis, another sexually transmitted disease, there were doctors who were victims. We knew how that disease was transmitted and could ensure that patients were not put at risk. Today we know how the Aids virus is transmitted.

The BMA believes that there may be cases where doctors who have the virus should not continue in their particular speciality, and that retraining, replacement or compensation to leave the NHS may be appropriate: for instance, where there is a danger of "blood-to-blood" contact with patients.

There are other forms of medical practice where this kind of contact does not occur and where the doctors can take adequate precautions to ensure that it does not occur. For them it will be perfectly possible to continue to treat patients.

Sir Gerard Vaughan, whose fears are quoted in your leader, would not be in any sort of danger from having his wound dressed by a doctor, or a nurse or dentist for that matter, who was HIV positive unless the doctor had a cut that could bleed into the wound.

Doctors, like others who become sufferers of this disease, know that they must seek advice. Witch hunts which destroy the ethic of confidentiality do great harm. They stop people coming forward for the treatment they so urgently need and the risks of the disease spreading will be magnified. Doctors know full well what their moral obligations are to their patients and what they must do if there is any likelihood of patients being put at risk.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARKS,
Chairman of Council,
British Medical Association,
BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
November 11.

Bullying in Army

From Mr Michael Yardley

Sir, I also took part, with General Sir John Hackett (letter, November 7), in Mr Kilroy-Silk's television programme, but did not come away with the impression that the young men who had the courage to come forward and speak publicly of their experiences could be written off as "a bunch of misfits".

Having served as a young officer, both in the United Kingdom and West Germany, I know that bullying and other forms of uncontrolled violent physical aggression are serious and widespread problems, far more serious than General Hackett or the Ministry of Defence press office would like to admit. The solutions to these problems can only be found in an atmosphere of open and honest analysis.

It is clearly not in the best interests of the Army or its personnel that any form of cover-up should take place. Would General Sir John Hackett describe the proven victims of bullying in The King's Own Scottish Borderers or the Coldstream Guards as mere misfits?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL YARDLEY,
12A Collingham Place, SW5.
November 9.

Role of Contras

From Viscount St Davids

Sir, Father Márkus (November 10) argues that the Contras' aim in Nicaragua is "the overthrow of a government committed to maintaining a mixed economy, which was elected in free and fair elections in 1984".

On August 2, 1980, *La Barricada*, the Sandinista newspaper, featured an article entitled, "Elections, a fetish of reactionaries", in which elections were described as "non-essential".

The Sandinistas only called the 1984 elections under outside pressure. To ensure victory they declared a partial state of emergency, orchestrated substantial intimidation by government-controlled mobs and opposition campaigning teams were drafted into the army. Free speech was denied through heavy censorship.

At present, there is a semblance of a mixed economy in Nicaragua. However, as *La Barricada* remarked on February 11, 1985:

The mixed economy and the private sector are only necessary in the current stage of the revolution, a stage that will be surpassed when certain economic conditions are achieved in the country.

Father Márkus claims that the Sandinista regime is "one of the most open, democratic and just regimes in the region". But in October, 1985, a series of declarations of emergency banned public demonstrations and strikes, restricted freedom of expression and movement, imposed total control on the press and communications, and suspended the legal rights of *habeas corpus* and of appeal.

Under Sandinista laws there are arbitrary arrests, incommunicado detentions, torture and coercion. Comparatively, even Chile has a less oppressive regime.

Yours faithfully,
ST DAVIDS,
House of Lords.
November 11.

Village schools

From Mr Ian R. Niven

Sir, May I add a supplement to Lord Denning's timely letter (November 6) about the closure of village schools?

A similar problem arises with the closure of Church of England voluntary-aided schools, founded in the last century by local subscription. Even where the title deeds are available, archaic provisions in the trusts are preventing any benefit from the sale of these schools from reaching the children of the village.

What is needed is a recognition by the Church authorities of the value of revivifying rural life, now an accepted part of national policy, and a willingness on their part to adopt a more flexible attitude as trustees.

Yours faithfully,
IAN R. NIVEN,
White Gates, Parham,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
November 7.

A to Z

From Mr Simon Dally

Sir, Roy Stewart's question (November 7) about the odds against drawing X, Y and Z in succession at the start of a game of Scrabble can be answered by some basic probability theory.

There are 100 tiles in a standard Scrabble set, including one X, two Ys and one Z. The chance of the event described occurring is therefore 1/100 x 2/99 x 1/98, that is, odds of 485,099 to 1 against, or approximately once in half a million games.

Of far greater difficulty in the field of probability theory is why, when I play Scrabble, I always seem to have seven vowels or seven consonants!

Yours faithfully,
SIMON DALLY,
85 Linden Gardens, W2.
November 8.

Aptitude test

From the Principal of King George V College, Southport

Sir, As the Principal of a sixth-form college of some 600 students, I read John Rae's article (October 30) with sadness. His assumption that the improvement of academic standards can be measured by the number of students proceeding to Oxbridge is frankly incredible in 1987. Certain of my most able students in the past have refused places at Oxbridge because of the attractions of rival courses.

The low number of applicants from the State sector (the number to Oxford dramatically decreased by 18 per cent in the last two years) is simply a consequence of the unbelievable chaos surrounding the entrance procedures. Oxford has November exams, Cambridge does not, but then some Cambridge colleges have June exams and Oxford does not. Oxford has two modes of entry — mode E and mode N — but it is not as simple as that. Some faculties only allow one mode; the medical one, for example, will not consider mode N. A subject in one college prefers one mode, but the same in another prefers the alternative.

To complicate matters, the list on page 189 of the prospectus is not exhaustive. Some subjects say they will accept either mode, but then complain of the difficulties of selection without an exam. The colleges are placed in three groups (with a consequent limitation of choice) for some subjects, but operate a free-for-all for others.

In content and quality the Oxford November entrance examination remains almost totally unreformed. Are three papers really necessary to judge a student's aptitude for physics?

Cambridge has its own idiosyncrasies: an application form which should be in by September 1 (just when we are at our busiest) and disagreement over the use of the special Step (sixth-term examination paper) exam. Some colleges are happy to use A level as the sole criterion for entry; others want to use S or Step papers. Some subjects in a college want S or Step levels; others, in the same college, ignore them.

I am not prepared to direct staff to coach for an unnecessary exam (mode E, S or Step level). When local financial management comes, I am certainly going to question the time and money spent on long telephone calls, asking individual colleges and tutors their preference.

A simple decision by Oxford and Cambridge to drop their entrance exams and to use the UCCA system as all other universities do would lead immediately to an increased number of State-sector applicants, even if this means that certain admissions tutors would have to learn new selection techniques.

Yours faithfully,
GERALDINE EVANS,
Principal,
King George V College,
Southport, Merseyside.
November 2.

Last hours of a hunted buck

From Major A. J. Soper (retd)

Sir, Each year during the month of October the fallow deer in the New Forest begin their rutting, being allowed to continue this mating process in peace by the cessation of hunting by the New Forest Buckhounds for that calendar month.

The selection of one calendar month would, on the face of it, appear to be an administrative convenience as the rut normally continues into early November. Such was the case when the Buckhounds met at Fritham in the New Forest on November 2.

The animal selected was one of a herd engaged in the mating game. Like all the others involved in this annual ritual it was already rather tired as a result of the battles for supremacy.

The buck was pursued for some 4½ hours until it was finally stopped and killed, at which time, according to a witness, it was in a state of exhaustion. Some 3½ hours into the hunt the buck was seen to stumble and, in front of a number of witnesses, was whipped to its feet and hunted for a further hour.

The New Forest Foxhounds and the Buckhounds are being requested to make improvements to the distribution of meets to avoid over-hunting in certain localities, an issue I took up with the chairman of the Forestry Commission earlier this year. It is proposed to stop fox-hunting in October and to stop the practice of digging out foxes which have gone to ground; this is to prevent disturbance in occupied badger setts, although the badger will still have to suffer by having its sett "stopped" before fox-hunting.

Why, in this enlightened day and age, is such barbaric activity as happened on November 2 allowed to continue in the name of sport?

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR SOPER,
The Well House,
Abbots Well,
Fordingbridge, Hampshire.
November 3.

Health care cuts

From Mr Jack Lowe

Sir, I refer to the letter (November 5) from Mr P. G. Bentley and his colleagues who practise general surgery in this district. If anything, they understate the management problem facing this and every health authority.

Unlike a private business, we have no control over the demand for our services as we can neither emphasize those "products" which have a higher profit margin nor can we raise our prices. Our only freedom is to react to the daily order intake within our carefully planned but cash-limited resources. These resources are just not adequate to meet the rising expectation of health care from the public sector.

The proportion of the gross national product allotted to the health-care services is a matter for political decision and everyone involved in these services would like that proportion to be increased.

Health service general managers are in total agreement with our clinical colleagues that we could provide a better service if we had more resources. The difficulties besetting this and every other district have not suddenly been recognised; they have been predicted and reported and will continue until real additional money is found.

It does not help the common cause to suggest that the managers and the clinicians, and indeed the authority members, are not at one in both recognising the urgency or in agreeing on the essential measures which have to be taken to live within the budget.

Yours faithfully,
JACK LOWE
(District General Manager),
Tunbridge Wells Health Authority,
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

News libraries

From the Chairman of the National Association of News Libraries

Sir, May I correct one impression that your otherwise excellent article (Media and Marketing, November 4) gives on the development of newspaper libraries. David Nicholas does indeed see the "scissors" function of the librarian continuing, but he also sees the library providing on-line training and support to journalists; maintaining the reference inquiry service; doing extensive documentary research; marketing the electronic library outside the paper; managing the information flow within the paper.

Overall, new technology will generate exciting opportunities for newspaper librarians to enhance their service, and thus is being welcomed by them.

Yours sincerely,
PETER CHAPMAN (Chairman, National Association of News Libraries),
The Northern Echo,
Priestgate,
Darlington, Co Durham.

Rate for the job

From Dr T. G. Palferman

Sir, I am a consultant physician whose main speciality is rheumatology. This past summer I elected to set aside a Saturday to carry out extra clinics.

The nature of my contract makes it highly unlikely that I would be eligible for any extra payment for these extra sessions. Accordingly, I negotiated an agreement whereby an equivalent sum would be paid to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

On the said Saturday I arrived in the hospital at 8.30 am, left just before 6 pm, took a 20-minute break and throughout the day saw patients who would routinely have had to wait several weeks for their appointments.

Two weeks ago I received a cheque payable to the ARC for £50. A little enterprise seems to come cheaply to the NHS.

Yours faithfully,
T. G. PALFERMAN,
Yeovil District Hospital,
Higher Kingston,
Yeovil, Somerset.

From Mr R. D. West

Sir, Dr Taylor (November 3) makes his point with humour but unfortunately not much accuracy. His fee was over and above his salary and presumably he had no overheads. On the other hand, the plumber's fee was gross income, out of which he had to pay both his salary and his overheads.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. WEST,
Broomleaf, Harewood Road,
Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire.

From Mr L. G. Jacobs

Sir, As I see it, Dr Taylor's real objection to his plumbing bill was that he saw no reason why he should be taken to the cleaners as well.

Yours faithfully,
L. G. JACOBS,
18 Larkhill Road,
Copthorne,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 13 1871

In an age turning from sail to steam in maritime defence HMS Glatton was intended for the defence of harbours and for attacking those of the enemy. Shaped like a flat spoon with a narrow superstructure aft enabling the turret gun to fire aft either side of it, the vessel was described in the Guinness History of Sea Warfare *as a "uniquely useless ship"*

TRIAL TRIP OF HER MAJESTY'S SHIP GLATTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHEERNESS, Nov.8.

The trial trip, off Sheerness, of the Glatton, took place on Tuesday, and nothing could have been more satisfactory . . .

As no account whatever of the Glatton has yet, I believe, appeared in your columns, and as she is the latest — not to say the best — product of engineering skill in its application to modern men-of-war, your readers may not be sorry to have some description of her. Let them straightway rid themselves, so far as possible, of all the familiar associations connected, especially in the British mind, with the word "ship", for although the Glatton is so called she is about as much like a ship, in any ordinary acceptation of the term, as she is like a camel or a Chinese doss-house. I heard endless ingenious attempts made yesterday and today to discover what she was like. One man suggested a dredging-machine, another an iron pier with a small gasometer (the "ship's" turret) stuck on to it, all kept out of the water by a half-sunk barge; a third thought she looked as though she had been somehow turned inside out, or else wore her working machinery all exposed to view, like some new-fangled French clock . . .

From all these strangely uncomplimentary similes — to say nothing of others still less flattering — your readers will perceive one thing, at any rate — that, whatever else she may be, she is no beauty. If, as seems probable, she at all represents the "coming race" of men-of-war, good-bye to the poetry of the profession and all the pretty picturesque images connected with the swelling sails, gracefully sloping sides, brilliantly burnished decks, neat rigging alive with cheering blue-jackets in large round collars . . .

Her turret revolves either by steam, in about 30 seconds, or by hand, in about three minutes. As both her two guns can rake directly aft within a few inches of the base of the hurricane deck, as well, of course, as forwards and to both sides, the revolution is as perfect as it can be . . .

Another curious feature of the hurricane deck is the conning or pilot tower, about ten feet deep and 2½ft. square — a decidedly tight fit for a stout man, especially as part of the room is taken up by a ladder, a small steering wheel, an indicator communicating with the turret, and three speaking tubes . . . The theory of the pilot-tower is that the captain, or whoever occupies it, should thence alone manage and fight the ship, there being at each side of him slanting holes, through which he could watch his opponent. But his look-out would be very imperfect, to say nothing of the fact that, though he is supposed to be sheltered, a shot striking outside the tower would pretty certainly kill or disable him, and many critical moments might be lost before the accident could be discovered and he got out and replaced. Nor could he remain in the tower if his own guns had to be fired aft, as the concussion of air close by would probably kill or disable him . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Lancashire and Merseyside today.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at Manchester Road Station, Burnley this morning in the Royal Train and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

The Queen drove to Burnley Mechanics and, having been received by the Mayor of Burnley (Councillor J. F. Heyes), Her Majesty toured the building and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited A. M. S. Industries plc (Managing Director, Mr M. V. Crabtree) and opened the new premises.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then visited The Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn and were received by the Mayor of Blackburn (Councillor Mrs S. Liddle) and the Chairman of the Governors (Mr J. S. Singleton).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the Queen's Wing, where Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque, and attended a service of dedication conducted by the Bishop of Blackburn (the Right Reverend Stewart Cross).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards travelled in the Royal Train to Edge Hill Station, Liverpool and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander Kenneth Stoddart).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Plessey Company plc, Edge Lane, Liverpool and were received by the Chairman and *Chief Executive* (Sir John Clark). The Queen opened the modernised Plessey Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later left Liverpool Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Lady Farnham, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Royal was represented by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the National Gardens Scheme, Her Majesty presented Scrolls to the County Organisers at St James's Palace this afternoon.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visited Duchy property in the Central District today.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Exeter Cathedral Music Foundation Trust, this evening attended Sung Evensong followed by a reception for the Trust at Exeter Cathedral.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Mr David Landale, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this morning opened the Knotley School, Springfield Gardens, West Wickham, Bromley.

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the Rudge Sports Hall at West Heath School, Sevenoaks, Kent.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Earl of Airlie at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: Princess Alice, *Duchess of Gloucester* was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Duke of Kent was represented by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 12: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new International Headquarters of Rank Xerox Limited at Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Jasper More will be held at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, on Friday, November 20, at 3.00 pm.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, will attend the conference on "Cornwall: the way ahead" at the Headland Hotel, Newquay, at 10.00; and will visit Truro Cathedral at 3.15 to mark the cathedral's centenary.

The Princess of Wales, President of Dr Barnardo's, will visit the "175" Project, Chepstow Road, Newport, at 10.40; as Patron of Help the Aged, will visit the Bridges Community Project, Hadnock Road, Monmouth, at 12.15; and will open Ilsom House Nursing Home and Ilsom Retirement Homes, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, at 1.30.

The Princess Royal will visit Singapore, Thailand, Laos and Burma until November 24.

Birthdays today

Sir Ewart Bell, civil servant, 63; Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, 73; Sir Lincoln Hallinan, barrister and magistrate, 65; M Eugene Ionesco, author, 75; Sir Arnold Lindley, former chairman, GEC, 85; Major-General J.D. Lunt, 70; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 71; Mr John Sparrow, former warden, All Souls College, Oxford, 81; Mr Frederick Willey, former MP, 77.

General Council of the Bar

Mr Robert Johnson, QC, has been elected Chairman of the General Council of the Bar; Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, to be vice-chairman, and Mr William Blackburne, QC, to be treasurer. The elections take effect from January 1.

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Italian art, ancient and modern, to dazzle London

By Lynda Murdin

Italy and art being synonymous, an unprecedented number of cultural events has been arranged to coincide with next week's state visit by the Italian President. Romans, ancient and modern, are about to conquer British imaginations.

The *Glass of the Caesars* show at the British Museum promises to be "the exhibition of the century" and President Francesco Cossiga plans to present London with a new fountain in the West End, incorporating a statue by the sculptor Emilio Greco.

Other exhibitions and events have been organized around the country to strengthen cultural relations between Britain and Italy and underline their shared heritage.

The Queen and President Cossiga will officially open *Glass of the Caesars*, the first major international display of Roman glass, at the British Museum on November 18. Some 50 priceless items, miraculous fragile survivors from the Roman Imperial Age (late first century BC to mid-sixth century AD), have been assembled from three leading collections - the British Museum, the Corning Museum of Glass in America and the Römanisch-Germanisches Museum in Cologne.

Italian museums have also lent exquisite glasses, never previously seen outside the country. The Portland Vase, one of the British Museum's most famous treasures, will be viewed for the first time alongside the Blue Vase from Pompeii, the only comparable remaining cameo-vessel.

The exhibition, open to the public from Friday until March 6, is presented by Olivetti, one of several Italian companies sponsoring arts events linked to the state visit. The Association of Italian Banks has financed the Italian Fountain - costing around £200,000 - which, at the suggestion of the former Italian Ambassador, Signor Bruno Bottai, will enhance Carlos Place in Mayfair.



The first-century portrait bust of Augustus, which will go on show at the British Museum.

Other events include an exhibition on the work of Italian architect Aldo Rossi, to be opened by President Cossiga in York and later transferred to the Royal Institute of British Architects in London.

No celebration of contemporary Italian art would be complete without reference to the sculptor Giacomo Manzu, whose work includes the great bronze doors at St Peter's, Rome. A retrospective exhibition has been mounted by the Italian Embassy and the Galleria d'Arte Moderna in Rome and will first be seen in Edinburgh before moving to Liverpool and Oxford.

Various scholarly publications have been commissioned to accompany these events, involving British experts so as to underline the theme of shared heritage.

The Italian Embassy's minister-counsellor, Signor Umberto Vattani, who has coordinated this wealth of artistic activity, explained: "We wanted an unprecedented number of cultural events to accompany this state visit so that we can share our common interests."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Coburn
and Miss D. Lyons
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr G.M. Coburn, Thames Ditton, Surrey, and Mrs Annabel Fforde, Portadown, and Diane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alec Lyons, Dunbarton House, Gilford, Co Down.

Mr C.K.M. Edwards
and Miss J.C. McFarland
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs E.K. Edwards, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Judith, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs W.D.H. McFarland, of Brocton, Staffordshire.

Mr P.S. Farmiloe
and Miss H.J. Selka
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Farmiloe, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Selka, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Mr T.E.J. Halket
and Miss A.C. Norman
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.B. Halket, of Teversham, Cambridge, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Norman, of Cavendish, Suffolk.

Mr D.J. Hallett
and Miss C. Smyrna Jones
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Hallett, of Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey, and Catrin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Smyrna Jones, of Newtown, Powys.

Mr L. Harvey
and Miss A.V. Cowie
The engagement is announced between Lawrence Harvey and Anne Valerie Cowie, both of Coldharbour, Dorking, Surrey.

Mr J.J. Hill
and Miss J.A. Kelly
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Rev Gordon and Mrs Hill, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Julie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John A. Kelly, Jr, of Winnetka, Illinois.

Mr M. Kettle
and Miss C. Gillies
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kettle, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr Alan Gillies, of Barnes, and Mrs Muriel Gillies, of Ramsgate.

Mr J.S. Leese
and Miss Y. Olcay
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Leese, of South Wraxall, Wiltshire, and Yasemin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Olcay, of Westminster, London.

Mr C.M. Lesser
and Mrs C.A. Ravdeu
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of the late Mr Hans Lesser and of Mrs Bronda Tarbuck, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Carey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Vickers, of Wembley, Middlesex.

Mr A.W. McClelland
and Miss C.O. Rolleston
The engagement is announced between Andrew William, only son of Mr and Mrs John McClelland, of Penclawdd, Gower, and Catherine Olivia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rolleston, of Cambridge.

Mr S. Robeson
and Miss M.A. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P.M. Robeson, of Dial Post, Sussex, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C.G. Lewis, of Stanmore, Middlesex.

Mr G.L.K. Russell
and Miss C.E. King
The engagement is announced between Guy Lawrence Kerr, son of Wing Commander and Mrs L.J. Russell, of The Cedars, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire, and Caroline Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter G. King, of The Whins, Caldy, Wirral.

Mr N.C.C. Wright
and Miss C.M. Groom
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mrs Audrey Wright, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and the late Charles Herbert Wright, and Catherine, elder twin daughter of Mrs Jane C.K. Groom, of Heveningham, Suffolk, and of the late Rev William Harbert Groom.

Marriages

Mr D.P. Harman
and Miss C.C. Hodgetts
The marriage took place on Thursday, November 5, in Hong Kong, of Mr David Peter Harman to Miss Caroline Claire Hodgetts, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hodgetts, of Lingfield, Surrey.

Mr M.W. Weatherall
and Miss P.A. Askew
The marriage took place in London, on Thursday, October 29, between Mr Michael William Weatherall and Miss Penelope Ann Askew.

Memorial services

The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The King of Spain was represented by the Count of Barcelona, the Prince and Princess of Wales by the Earl of Airlie, the Princess Royal by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, the Duke of Kent by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Angus Ogilvy.

The Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane officiated, assisted by the Rev J. Neville Thomas. Mr Alexander Tetley read the lesson. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland, Lady Diana Bowes Lyon, daughter, read an extract from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran, and Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, daughter, read from the works of Bishop Brent. The Hon Dominic Elliot gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mary Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne (widow), the Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne (daughter-in-law), Mr Timothy and Lady Mary Colman (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Euan McConquodale (brother-in-law), Mrs W G Gordon (sister-in-law), the Hon Lady Bowes Lyon, Mrs Simon Bowes Lyon, Lady Bowes-Lyon, Mr John Bowes-Lyon, Mr and Mrs David Bowes-Lyon, Mrs J Goodhart, Mr James Colman, Mr and Mrs Christopher Penn, Mrs Peter Troughton, Mrs Richard Ramsbotham, Mrs Hew Blair.

The Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Duchess of Wellington, the Duke of Fife, the Marquess and Marchioness of Bute, the Marquess of Louthian, the Earl of Lichfield, the Earl and Countess of Arran, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Earl and Countess Spencer, the Countess of Scarbrough, the Earl of Dalhousie, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl and Countess of Inchcape, the Earl and Countess of Morton, Lord and Lady Edward Fitzroy, Major-General Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Viscount Knollys, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Lord and Lady Ramsay, Lord and Lady Napier and Ettrick, Lord Lyell, Lady Lyell, Lady Strange, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Runciman, Lord and Lady Maclean, Lord Sinclair, Lord Wolfson, Lord Barnard, Lord and Lady Denham, Lord St John of Fawsley, Ruth Lady Fermoy, Lord Tryon, Lord Bruce-Gardyne, Sir William Heseltine, the Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Lady Angela Oswald, Lady Elizabeth Basset, Lady Alexandra Carnegie, Lady Sarah Keswick.

The Hon John and Mrs Leslie, Captain the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Beaumont, the Hon Richard Beaumont, the Hon Mrs John Wills, the Hon Mrs Rhodes, the Hon Mrs Jeremy Colman, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, and Mrs Soames, the Hon James Gwynn, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Lachlan Maclean, Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, Sir Ralph Anstruther, Lady Duncan, Sir James Cayzer, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric and Lady Penn, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Lady Bland, Lady Osborn, General Sir Michael Gow, Major-General Sir Desby Beaumont (president 3rd Guards Club), Captain Sir Alastair and Lady Aird, Mr and the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer.

Mr P J Ord (Glamis, Holwick, Wemmergill and Gibside Estates), Lieutenant-Colonel P J Cardwell Moore (administrator, Glamis Castle) with Colonel T G Lloyd Jones and Mr J D Gooch (Arthur Young, Chartered Surveyors), Mr W Low (Lord Roberts Workshops), Mr John Richard (also representing Bell Lawrie and the Company, of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh), Lieutenant-Colonel M G L Whiteley (Scots Guards), Lieutenant-Colonel M R Butler (representing Tayforth Universities OTC and The Queen's Own Hussars Regimental Association).

Mr Ashe Windham, Mr Robin Stormonth-Darling, Mr C M Mossetmann, Mrs Neville Thomas, Mr Charles Smith-Ryland, Mr Ewan Kelway-Bamber, Mr Martin Haldane, Lieutenant-Colonel H C Hanbury, Mr Douglas Wilson, Captain and Mrs Robin Sheepshanks, Mr Sandy Gilmour, Mr Peter Lord, Miss Emma Maclean, Lieutenant-Colonel D Y Erskine Crum, Mr and Mrs Peter Laing, Captain A F Weatherall, Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, Miss Jean Shaw, Mr Leslie Brown, Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox, Mr Colin McCorquodale, Colonel David Carnegy-Arbuthnott, Major John Griffin, Mr and Mrs John Gordon, Major and Mrs Peter Balfour, Mrs Harry Fitzalan-Howard, Colonel Andrew Parker-Bowles, Mr Donald Scott, Mrs Elizabeth Nickerson and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart Wilson.

Mr Deputy S.E. Cohen
The Lord Mayor read the lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Deputy Stanley Cohen held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden gave an address.

Mr S. Norman
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Stanley Norman was held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, SW1, on Tuesday, November 10. The Rev David Prior officiated. Mr Andrew Speirs read the lesson and Mr Dan Abbott gave the address.

Memorial meeting

Mr M.M. Wolff
A memorial meeting for Mr Marc Wolff was held on Wednesday at Lincoln's Inn Old Hall. Miss Tatiana Wolff, daughter, presided and the other speakers were Judge Paul Batterbury, Mrs Rence Soskin, Mr Alan Howard and Sir Dimitri Obolensky. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Beloff, Sir Ian Percival, QC, and Lady Percival, the Hon Matthew and Mrs Devlin, Sir Tony and Lady Weaver, Dame Elizabeth Chesterton, Mr Peter Khoroche, Prince George Galitzine, Mrs Paul Batterbury, Professor Kathleen Tillotson, Miss Nora Beloff, Dr Rosemary Rue, Mr and Mrs David Humphrey, Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mr Geoffrey Trevelyan, Mr D Radice, Mr and Mrs David Epstein, Mrs C Price, Mr Jack Straw, MP, Rear-Admiral John Croydon, Mr D Henderson, Mr Stephen Kaye, Miss M Heald, Mr and Mrs Anthony Sampson, Mr and Mrs Richard Garnett, Mr Robert Walker, Mr Robert Percival, the Rev S and Mrs Andrews, Miss Rhyddian Willis, Mr John Willis, Dr Sasha Duddington, Mrs M Myers, Mr George and Professor Katherine Worth, Mr Richard Cave, Mr and Mrs John Whale and Mrs M Tolstoy.

OBITUARY

MR RALPH VERNON-HUNT

Master salesman of the best-seller

Mr Ralph Vernon-Hunt, who died on November 10, at the age of 64, was a man who lived and breathed books.

As sales director of Pan Books from 1947 until 1962 he was the personification of the paperback revolution in the post war boom in that lucrative industry. He had an unfailing eye for a book, and, once convinced of its potential, spared no effort in its promotion. He, more than anyone, stood for the marketing of the best-seller; and in this demanding business he was considered to be without equal.

He had enormous successes just after the war with *The Dambusters*, *Enemy Coast Ahead*, and the steamy *Peyton Place*. But even these were surpassed by Fleming's *James Bond* novels and the subsequent (and also best-selling) works of Leslie Thomas, Dick Francis and James Herriott. Vernon-Hunt himself (at his own instigation, is is believed) was the first visual interpretation of Mr Bond, when his face appeared on the front cover of the first of the Fleming yarns.

Ralph Holmes Vernon-Hunt was born on May 23, 1923, and was educated at Malvern College. During the war, he served as a flight-lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, flying bombers, and was awarded a DFC.

Immediately after the war he took a job as a bookseller with Hudson's bookshop in Birmingham, which gave him a solid grounding in the business and where his flair as a salesman took wings.

His uncle, Alan Bott, founded Pan Books in 1947, and in that year the nephew joined the company as sales director, and there he remained for the next fifteen years. The post-war shortage of newsprint, as well as printing difficulties, were problems which Vernon-Hunt circumvented by having the company's books published in Paris. He then had the finished articles shipped down the Seine and across the Channel on a boat flying the Pan house-flag.

His driving personality together with a charismatic and buccaneering style of salesmanship made the name of Pan books famous all over the world, and the company's sales ran into many millions.

He left Pan in 1962 and moved to the fledgling publishers Paul Hamlyn, again as sales director. During his next six years there the company enjoyed a meteoric rise in sales.

Vernon-Hunt's forcefulness and dynamism were infectious; he inspired confidence, loyalty and trust in colleagues and customers. His salesmanship was of a shrewd and old-fashioned type.

He left Hamlyn in 1969 to return to Pan, this time as managing director. But the book trade was now a different animal with mergers merging into yet grander mergers at an alarming rate, and the solitary best-seller a thing of the past. Vernon-Hunt never again held quite the same sway as he had in the earlier days of glory.

In 1980 he became deputy chairman of Pan, but retired two years later as his health deteriorated. Fortunately, his keen perception for quality was never impaired, and he was able to continue his critical proof reading of manuscripts and books until the end.

Ralph Vernon-Hunt was a man who held his opinions strongly and they were always exhuberantly expressed. He had a gift for story-telling in a variety of accents. He combined a rigorous attitude towards company expenditure with great personal generosity.

His wife, Elizabeth, whom he married in 1946, survives him with their four sons and two daughters.

DR J. P. T. BURY

Dr J. P. T. Bury, respected historian of modern France, died on November 10, at the age of 79. He was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and was a university lecturer in modern history from 1937.

John Patrick Tuer Bury was born at Trumpington, near Cambridge, on July 30, 1908, the only son of Dr R. G. Bury, the Platonic scholar, and nephew of J. B. Bury, the great Classical historian.

He entered Corpus in 1927 from Marlborough, and read history. He was elected into a Fellowship in 1933, and served in several capacities: Director of Studies in History, Dean of College, Librarian, Steward of Estates, Warden of the College's post-graduate hall, Leckhampton House, and, not least, historian of the college.

He wrote two short accounts — one in 1949 for distribution to freshmen and the other in Volume III of the *Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire* (1959) — and a major history of the college from 1827 to its sexcentenary in 1952. A volume of selections from the unpublished *Cambridge Diary* (1832-1842) of Joseph Romilly appeared in 1967.

But his major work was in the field of modern French history. Towering above it all is his monumental biography of the charismatic republican statesman, *Léon Gambetta*. The first volume, *Gambetta and the National Defence*, appeared in 1936.

The war and other labours imposed long delay before the second and third volumes, *Gambetta and the Making of the Third Republic* (1973) and *Gambetta: The Final Years* (1982). This enduring contribution to the history of the Third Republic is distinguished by its judicious and sensitive treatment of the subject, scrupulous scholarship, and elegance of style.

Other books include *France 1914-1940*, first published in 1949, and frequently re-edited; *Napoleon III and the Second Empire* (1967); and his most recent, *Thiers, 1797-1877: A Political Life* (1986). He was also the editor of Volume X of the *New Cambridge Modern History* (1967) and of the *Historical Journal*, and he was joint editor of ten volumes of the official *Documents on British Foreign Policy 1919-1939*.

During the Second World War Bury worked in the Ministry of Supply, and then in the Research Department of the Foreign Office. At this time he met and married Mary Elizabeth (Betty), a soldier's daughter. They adopted a son and a daughter.

Patrick Bury was a man reluctant to put his talents on display. He was a painter, a keen gardener, a bibliophile, and a discriminating collector of historical documents, momentoes and prints. Part of his collection was acquired by the Cambridge University Library.

Quiet and modest in manner, he was greatly loved by those who knew him well. He was a patient and encouraging teacher, a scrupulous but kind examiner, and a courteous reviewer. To work with him was a lesson in scholarship. In all these things he was conscientious almost to a fault, and unfailingly generous with his time and knowledge.

MAJOR-GENERAL R. S. MARSHALL

Major-General R. S. Marshall, CB, OBE, MC, MM, who died on Remembrance Day, at the age of 70, was a distinguished Gunner, who enlisted in the Territorials as a private soldier and rose to high rank in the Royal Artillery.

Marshall had a full war, seeing active service from beginning to end, and is among the very few who won both the Military Medal and the Military Cross. Likewise, it is not common for a Territorial private to become Colonel-Commandant of his regiment, as he did.

Roy Stuart Marshall was born at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on October 28, 1917. After leaving school he went into commerce, but with war clouds gathering, he enlisted in the Teritorial Army in the 88th (2nd West Lancashire) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in April 1939.

This was one of the first regiments of the British Expeditionary Force to disembark on French soil, which it did in the month following Britain's declaration of war on Germany.

With the irruption of the German armies into the Low Countries in May 1940, it was soon in the thick of the fighting, on the River Dyle, soon pulling back to the defence line of the Escaut.

Marshall, by now a lance-sergeant, was awarded the MM for gallantry, in desperate rearguard actions during the British retreat to the sea.

With the regiment back in Britain after the evacuation, he was commissioned in 1942. He then served in the Middle East, but returned to Europe on D-Day, and participated in the campaign from the beach-head through to the end of the war with Germany. He won his Military Cross in 1945.

After taking the Staff course at Camberley, in 1947, he had a number of staff appointments before commanding an artillery regiment, and then, the 7th Artillery Brigade with the British Army of the Rhine, from 1962 to 1964.

After that he spent the year, 1965, at the Indian National Defence College, an interesting opportunity to broaden his experience. He was back in Germany in 1968, as Major-General Royal Artillery, the senior Gunner's appointment in BAOR.

His final appointment, as Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance, from 1969 to 1970, gave him responsibility for the provision of equipment to the Army. After his retirement, he was, from 1972 to 1977, Colonel-Commandant, Royal Artillery. Indeed he kept active, and had an advisory job with British Aerospace for a dozen years after he retired.

In what leisure time that remained to him in the brisk tempo he set himself, he relaxed with fishing, golf and bridge, and was a keen amateur painter.

He married, in 1946, Phyllis Mary Rawlings. They two sons.

Harry Rusan, an original member of the Harlem Globetrotters, died on November 9. He was 77.

During his time with the team (1934-9) he set up scoring records in three successive seasons, with an average of almost 20 points a game.

MR HAROLD MARNHAM

Mr Harold Marnham, MBE, QC, who died on November 11, at the age of 76, was, from 1967 to 1974, Leader of the Parliamentary Bar.

He was educated at Stellenbosch University and at Jesus College, Cambridge, before being called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1935.

In the early stages of the war he saw action with the British Expeditionary Force, and towards the end of hostilites with the British Liberation Army. In between he was with the Territorial Army. He was twice mentioned in despatches.

Marnham was an advocate of great ability, balanced judgement and charm. The field in which he excelled was the conduct of Private Bill litigation before Parliamentary committees. His skill was often more apparent to his fellows than to the layman. A witness confident in his own case would sometimes find it in shreds before he realised that cross-examination had started.

Towards the end of his practising career he appeared as leading counsel for the Panel inquiring into the Greater London Development Plan at a lengthy hearing over many months. During this inquiry his talents for simple and agreeable presentation of complex material were most effectively deployed.

As a companion and friend he was delightfully unassuming.

He is survived by his wife, Hilary, and their two sons.

Dinners

Den Norske Club
King Olav V of Norway and Crownprince Harald and Crownprincess Sonja attended last night the centenary dinner of Den Norske Club held at Middle Temple Hall. Mr Paul Gamborg was in the chair and the principal speakers were King Olav V, Mr J. Benkow, Mr F. Arnesen, on behalf of Mr R. Thoresen, and Mr O.S. Kvemdal. Among the guests were Mr Jo Benkow, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, the Norwegian Ambassador, and many leading businessmen from the Norwegian business community in London and Norway.

Army Board
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, presided at a dinner given by the Army Board at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, last night. Among those present were:

Lord Gregson, General Sir Nigel Bagnall, Sir John Bicheno, General Sir David Mostyn, General Sir Charles Huxtable, General Sir Roland Guy, General Sir Martin Farndale, Sir Patrick Wright, Sir David Nickson, Lieutenant-General J J Stibbon, Lieutenant-General van Ondaatza, Major-General D E Isles, Major-General M Matthews and Mr Donald Spiers.

Staffordshire Lieutenancy
Sir Arthur Bryan, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Deputy Lieutenants last night at the County Buildings, Staffordshire. Colonel F.W. James, Vice-Lord Lieutenant, presided.

Fruiterers' Company
Mr N.G. Sheldon, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall. Mr W.K. Goldsmith, Mr D.G. Hope-Mason, Mr P.G.H. Evans and Brigadier R. Eccles, Clerk, also spoke.

Feltmakers' Company
Mr Charles Simeons, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, assisted by Mr John Elliott, Mr Jack Wallworth and Mr Philip Wright, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at HM Tower of London, Colonel George Pettifar was the guest of honour.

Chemical Industries Association
The President of the Chemical Industries Association, Mr Alan Rae, was host at the annual dinner in London held at Grosvenor House on Thursday, November 12, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour. Among the guests were:

Lord Penrock, Lord Tordoff, Sir Brian Hayes, Sir John Hanbury, Sir Bryan Nicholson, Sir David Nicolson, Sir Robin Ibbs, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, Mr John Cope, MP, and Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP.

White Dove Ball

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the White Dove Ball, in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, at the Dorchester hotel, Park Lane, W1, on December 1, 1987. Tickets, at £60 each inclusive, are available from Margot Countess of Buckinghamshire, President of the Ball. For further details: Telephone 01-352 3786.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

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BIRTHS

ARMOUR - On November 10th, to Georgina (née Fortescue) and Nicholas, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth.

BOND - On November 7th, to Estelle (née Benson) and Leonard, a son, Joseph, a brother for Andrew and Alexandra.

CLARK - On October 25th to Penny and Simon, a daughter, Sophia Helen, a sister for Venetia.

COLVILLE - On November 12th, at St. Pauls Hospital, Cheltenham, to Virginia and James, a son and a daughter.

FISHER - On November 10th, to Julia (née Pattinson) and Keith, a son, Jeremy Plunket.

HARRIOTT - On November 9th, to Penelope (née Brown) and Simon, a son Gregory Edward.

HORNE - On November 11th to Christine (née James) and Richard, a son, Francis William.

MYERS - On November 7th, to Victoria (née Maspin) and John, a daughter, Zoe Penelope, a sister for Sophie and Charles.

MYERSON - On Saturday November 7th, at Winchester, to Barbara (née Lough) and Tim, a son, Michael Henry.

POTTER - On November 11th, in Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Suffolk, to Fiona and Michael, a daughter.

RUSSELL - On November 4th, at the Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Constantine-Smith) and Quentin, a daughter, Jemima Stephanie, a sister for Jessica and Fenella.

RUSSELL - On November 12th, at Guildford Hospital to Elizabeth and Ian, a daughter, Alexandra Robb.

SIMON - On November 11th in London, to Tess (née Stopford) and Anton a son Charles Stephen.

THOMAS - On November 6th, at Bedford Hospital, to Sue (née Harper) and Stephen, a daughter, Cara Helen, a sister for Oliver.

YORK - On November 11th to Donna (née Murphy) and Tim, a daughter, Jennifer Mary Josephine.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On November 9th, tragically Robin Paul, loved husband of Liz and adored father of Joshua and Imogen, darling son of Norman and Dorothy, dear brother of Stuart, Sally, Phillip and Nicholas. Funeral service, St Mary's church, Docking, Norfolk, Tuesday, November 17th at 2.00 pm. Family flowers. Donations for Imperial Cancer Research Fund to Carlton House Terrace, London SW. Enquiries to Funeral director, Alfred Coggles, 63 Norfolk St, Kings Lynn. Tel: Kings Lynn 766795.

ADAMS - On November 11th, peacefully in hospital, at the age of 74, Vida Lillian Marie (née Knight) most dearly loved by her husband Bill and daughters Carolyn and Jo. She was wise, kind, brave, always cheerful and uncomplaining. Service at St Mary's Church, Welwyn Village, Herts, on Wednesday 18th November at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers (not wreaths, please) to Geo. W. Blow & Sons, 12 Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts.

BLAKE - On November 11th 1987, Leslie Reginald D.Sc of Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire, beloved husband of Dorothy and father of David, peacefully at his home after a long illness. Funeral private at his request.

BURY - On November 10th, 1987, John Patrick Tuer, Litt D, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, aged 79. Dearly beloved husband of Betty and dearest father of Mark and Clare. Funeral for family and close friends at 12.45pm on Monday 16th November at Granchester Church. Memorial Service to be announced later.

CALLENDER - On November 12th, 1987, peacefully, at the Yeovil District Hospital, Leonard, devoted husband to Noelle and father to Michael, Mary and grandchildren. Requiem Mass at Church of Our Lady, Marshull, Friday November 20th at 2pm. No flowers.

CROSFIELD - On November 11th, peacefully, at St. Cecilia Nursing Home, Budleigh, Salterton, Leonard Mellor M.A., aged 88. Beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Yoma and dear grandfather of Claire and Jennifer. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Budleigh, Salterton, Wednesday, November 18th at 11.00am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to The Church of England Childrens Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.

DAGUT - On November 1st, 1987, peacefully at his home, in Carmel, Haifa, Professor Merton Bernard Dagut, formerly of Haifa University. Beloved husband of Hinda, and dear father and grandfather.

DOBBIN - On November 10th, peacefully, at Foxton, nr Cambridge, Robert Raymond, husband of Marjorie, father of Jennifer and Deborah. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium, Wednesday, November 18th, at 4pm. Family flowers only.

Finlay - On September 11th, 1987, in Brisbane, Australia, after a long illness, Jane Rosemary (née Fry) formerly Robson and Sykes. Beloved wife of John and mother of Louise. Funeral has taken place. Any enquires please telephone 0989 64963.

FINDLAY - On November 10th, peacefully, Mary (Molly) Meikle, beloved wife of William John Findlay, 40 Uplands Way, London N21 1DT.

GARRETT - On November 10th, peacefuly after too much pain, Phyllis (Pat) formerly Hartly-Hodder (née Cobb) wife of Geoffrey E. Garratt of London WI. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

HADDEN - On Wednesday, November 11th 1987, Harvey Hadden, Knight of Malta and late of the West Indies, peacefully at Longfields, Rue du Bocage, St Peter, Jersey, C.I. aged 78 years. The funeral will be held in Jersey. Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors. Telephone 0534 77935

HILSERY - On November 10th, suddenly after major surgery, Patrick. Much loved and loving husband of Winnel, father of Anthony and Patricia and grandfather of Marc, Hannah, Lucinda, Cecilia, Rollo, Clare, Louise and Richard. Service at Leigh Parish Church, Wednesday 18th November at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Crawley Hospital League of Friends.

HILL - On November 8th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Gladys, widow of J.C.H. Hill, D.S.O., and dearly loved and loving mother and grandmother, in her 94th year.

IZON - On November 9th, 1987, peacefully at home, Thomas John Cole of Mortlake Road, Kew, in his 80th year, beloved husband of the late Phyllis and father of Veronica and Tim. Funeral service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, Surrey on Tuesday, November 17th at 11.15 am and followed by private burial.

LAWRENCE - On Monday 9th November, 1987, peacefully at home in Feisted, Dorothy Rosa, (née Coltings), wife of Bernard and mother of Janet, Geoff and Roger. Cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium, Friday 13th, at 12.30 pm. A Service of Thanksgiving is to be arranged later.

LAWTER - On October 20th 1987, Gordon Edwin Clarkson, aged 81 of Abbey Wood, London, at Greenwich District Hospital. For many years an employee of The Times Newspaper Group.

LLOYD - On November 10th 1987 peacefully at home, Phyllis Norah, aged 84 years. Devoted and much loved wife of the late David. Funeral Service on Thursday 19th November at 12 noon at Christ Church, Chelsea, followed by a Private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Save The Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.

LLOYD-ROBERTS - On November 10th 1987, peacefully at Bossington House Nursing Home near Canterbury, Margaret Sarah, aged 96. Much loved wife of the late Richard, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service in The Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, November 19th 1987 at 2.00pm. No flowers please, but donations to Cancer Research, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 6AR.

MARNHAM - On November 11th, peacefully at Blythburgh Hospital, Suffolk, Harold M.B.E. Q.C. Dearly loved husband of Hilary, greatly loved by Andrew, Jiz and Katie. Also Charles and Tricia, Clare and Sophie. Funeral private. No flowers or letters by request.

MARSHALL - On November, 11th, at St Margarets Hospice, Taunton, Roy Stuart Marshall, Major General, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., M.M., late Colonel Commandant R.A. Aged 70. Beloved husband of Felix, devoted father of Chris and Tim, and loving grandfather. Private family cremation. No flowers, donations if wished to St Margarets Somerset Hospice, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

ORSSICH - On November 8th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Count Robert Philip, dearly loved father of Paul, Sue and Christopher. Private funeral at Cranbourne Church, Winkfield at 3.00 pm, Monday, November 16th. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research Fund. Memorial service to be held on December 9th, at 11.30 am, Winkfield Parish church.

PARDON - On November 11th 1987, Joan Mary, at her residence, dearly loved wife of Eric. All enquires to, 63 Ngapuhi Road, Remuruera, Auckland, New Zealand.

ROSS - On November 9th, Natalie, sadly missed by her loving husband Harold, sons, Paul, Tim and Jon, family and friends. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

SCHLEE - On 11th November 1987, Bill, aged 87 years, loved husband of Winnie. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Melbourn, Cambs on Wednesday 18th November, at 2.30pm, cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Addenbrookes Hospital Cancer Research Fund, C/O S. Newling & Son Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Road, Royston, Herts. No letters please.

SMITH - On November 10th 1987, after a short illness at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, George Paul Bernard Smith O.B.E. Husband of Doris, father of Denzil and Madeleine. Funeral Service to take place at Oxford Crematorium on Monday 16th November at 11.45 am. Floral tributes may be sent to P.L. Barrett, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon.

STAPLES - On November 10th, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Frederick Staples of Houghton, Cambs, beloved husband of Ida and father of Elizabeth and Brenda. Cremation private. Donations to Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Clifton Bristol 8.

TOURS - On November 10th, Kenneth Cecil CMG, MA (Cantab), aged 79, Funeral at Worcester Crematorium on Monday, November 16th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

TUPPEN- On November 8th, Mary E.F (née Wheatley) aged 70, beloved wife of the late Clifford Tuppen, loving mother of Sara and grandmother of Nico. Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Chaldon, Surrey on Monday 16th November at 2.30pm followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to B.C. Baker & Son, 15 High Street Caterham (0883) 43219.

VERNON-HUNT - On November 10th, peacefully at his home in Richmond, Ralph, beloved husband of Liz and greatly loved father, grandfather and friend. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, on Tuesday, November 17th, at 2.30pm. Flowers to T.H. Sanders Ltd, Kew Road, Richmond, 948 1851, or if desired donations may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor.

WARBURG - On November 10th, David John, beloved husband of Elizabeth, loving father of Karin, Penni, Thane and Katie, eldest son of May, suddenly, as he would have wished, playing tennis at Hampton Court. Funeral at Christ Church, Esher at 3.30pm on Tuesday, November 17th followed by a cremation. Family flowers only please, donations, if wished to David's favoured Charity, Guide dogs for the Blind.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NAPIER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of James Murray Napier, O.B.E., will be held at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1 on Friday November 20th at 12.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JONES - A requiem will be celebrated in St Alban's Church, Brooke Street, EC1 on Friday 27th November at 11.00am, for the late Canon Cheslyn Jones.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are quite contrary in our fear of machines. Sometimes we are afraid we might become like them; sometimes that they might become like us.

Equinox's *Nature's Technology* (Channel 4) was comforting for those who feared that Perry Mason's mutation into Ironside was a ghastly presage of some future wheeled obese existence for the human race. Machines are growing legs, with a little help from that extraordinary bipedal species, the bespectacled boffin. And they are finding it much more difficult than we — or the tortoises, insects and horses they are now trying to imitate — did.

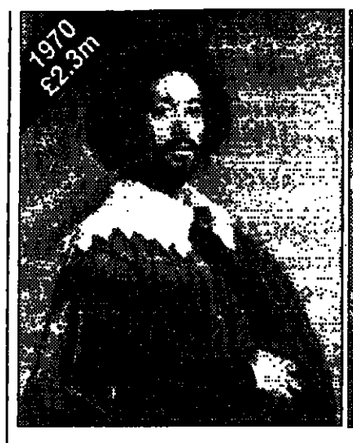
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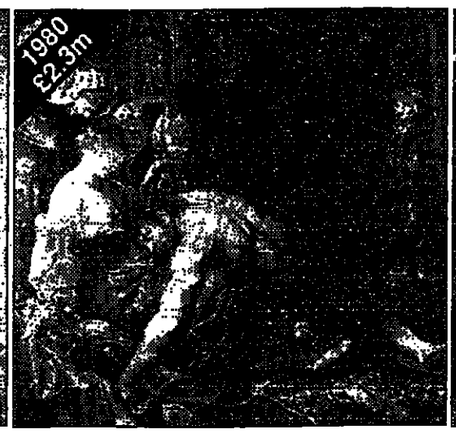
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We are even more contrary, however, in our fear of each other. *Girls Apart* (BBC2) gave voice to two "politically moderate" South African teenagers, one black, Sylvia, one white, Sisca. It was a depressing experience for all those who hope that dialogue rather than bloodshed will bring justice to that unhappy land. The girls could not be brought together for a discussion, so the film itself was a form of apartheid. Sisca was more educated and articulate, but looked and spoke like some South African Stepford daughter as she sweet-talked, with startling naivety, her received images of her beloved country.

Sylvia, too, spoke softly. She showed at a funeral of a comrade the cry of outrage and lament born of bitter personal experience; but though she had been arrested and had seen children tortured with electric shocks, she rejected violence. Sweet Sisca, however, was prepared to join the army to defend her world.

Andrew Hislop









How the art market, after a stable period, suddenly soared: from left, Velasquez's "Portrait of Juan de Pareja", first to top £1m; Rubens's "Samson and Delilah"; Mantegna's "The Adoration of the Magi"; and Van Gogh's "Irises"

Market without a roof

This week's sale of Van Gogh's "Irises" for £27 million highlights the staying power of the Impressionists. Sarah Jane Checkland reports

Sotheby's New York auction house was packed as never before on Wednesday night. "Every nouveau-riche man in the world was there", said Adam Williams, a New York dealer. From the start, prices were astonishing. "Bids were coming in from everywhere; but you couldn't tell who was buying what." Even a relatively humble Henri Fantin-Latour flower painting, bought by the London dealer Richard Green at Bonhams five years ago for £25,000, fetched $616,000. In Williams's view "the prices were obscene".

But however obscene, none compared with that of the star turn — Vincent Van Gogh's "The Irises", which was knocked down at $49 million. Even the second highest price — $5.8 million, and a record for a Monet — was left standing. The bidding started ominously slowly, at $15 million. At $17 million, momentum was gained, and the bids bounded upwards in units of $1 million. "John Marion, the auctioneer, tried to ease it to $50 million, but the buyer wouldn't budge". As the hammer came down, there was thunderous applause. Sotheby's had topped Christies' world record for a Van Gogh, and indeed for any painting, by $14 million, and had earnt themselves $5 million in the process.

The result seems all the more surprising in the light of the current stock market crash. Van Gogh's "Irises" had become a symbol: if it sold, all would be well; if not, the art slump would follow. There had been rumours that Sotheby's, great masters of the hype, had sold the painting privately to avoid the humiliation of non-sale. There were whispers that Sotheby's were offering to waive buyer's premium, certainly vendor's commission, and persuading vendors in general to lower their reserves. In the event, any such fears were unfounded.

Amid the ballyhoo, no one asked whether this Van Gogh painting could *really* be worth so much more than any other. Nor did they reflect on the singular nature of the Impressionist market, so different at present from the rest. No one heard the faint echoes of gloom emanating from the London and Geneva auction houses, where a third or more of the goods have gone unsold over the last week.

As a field of collecting, Impressionism is unique. For the auction houses it is the single area where they make most money. For the rich, but inexperienced buyer it is the perfect field to collect: you don't need to know about art history to appreciate an Impressionist landscape. It is a status symbol — a Van Gogh hanging on your wall is equivalent to a sign saying "I am worth a fortune".

Virtually all the record prices from recent sales have been for Impressionist paintings, with Van Gogh the runaway favourite. For the buyer, each top-class item may be appearing for the last time. For the seller (and John Whitney Payson, the seller of the Van Gogh is a good example) high prices encourage more works on to the market. Finally, the yen is strong, so the Japanese are jumping.

When seen more rationally, and translated into Swiss currency (the most stable of all), the soaring prices so deliriously promoted take on a different light. The 1970 record for Velazquez's "Juan de Pareja" is, expressed in sterling, one tenth that of "Sunflowers" (March 1987), but switch that fraction into Swiss francs and it becomes around a third. Much the same applies to "Irises".

In fact, the full story of auction house prices since Black Monday has been one of caution. There has been a high failure rate in terms of lots — mainly in the middle range of price and quality. At Sotheby's British art sale yesterday, a runaway record price was achieved for a Stanley Spencer painting (£421,000) but in total 31 per cent failed to sell. This was a sale in which, ironically, the main casualties were the English equivalent to the Impressionists — *plein air* painters whose prices were rising until the slump.

The "real thing", however, is different. The world has an estimated 200 or so millionaires with the spare cash to buy art — and they are likely to go on buying Impressionists.

Pyjama games

DANCE

Trisha Brown
Sadler's Wells

Within limits, Trisha Brown's movement is highly ingenious. She sets her dancers skittering about the stage with a lot of quick, jittery steps, many turns and little jumps, much arm-swinging, some cartwheels, falls and backward rolls; sudden stops.

In *Set and Reset* this happens in what looks something like an airport lounge, thanks to Robert Rauschenberg's overhead installation of geometric objects with changing pictures projected on them. The insistent rhythms of Laurie Anderson's *Long Time No See* might also make you think of airports, but the dancers' flimsy pyjamas would hardly be the thing, except perhaps among returning holiday-makers.

Newark (it carries the baffling subtitle *Niweweorce*, which I suspect might be Anglo-Saxon), has what is described as visual presentation and sound concept by Donald Judd, sound orchestration and production by Peter Zummo. This turns out to be that loud blasts of warning claxons erupt almost throughout, relieved only briefly towards the end by alarm bells, and that the dancers, in plain grey tights, perform in front (or even behind) curtains of different flat colours lowered and raised at various steps across the stage.

For *Oval Loop* there are no sounds, no setting, just four dancers, individually dressed in contrasted styles. It is thus the work in which Brown's dances are seen most clearly and, since it is shorter than the others, it offers less risk of the interest sagging.

Brown danced in two works last night, but will be replaced by others at later performances. Audiences need not feel deprived because the frisky manner of the dances suits her younger colleagues better. It is pleasant enough to watch for a while, but if it has anything to say for itself, that remains inscrutable to me.

John Percival

A public problem

THEATRE

Measure for Measure
Stratford

Nicholas Hytner's production opens with the thunderously amplified crash of a cell door; followed by the sight of the Duke (Roger Allam) trembling with dread as he signs the statute that will shortly put so many Viennese citizens behind bars.

At a stroke, the performance thus parts company from the long-prevailing idea of the absent Duke as an absentee divinity; a source of absolute justice in contrast to his fallible subjects.

By acknowledging that he is as fallible as everyone else, the production gains a coherence that leaves you wondering how *Measure for Measure* even came to be labelled a problem play.

Mark Thompson sets the first scene against the base of two gigantic classical columns, which then revolve to display the festering stews of the city. A neat bit of scenic design also becomes a statement on the body politic: an architectural striptease recalling Lear's line on "robes and furred gowns".

The Duke, like Lear, appears as a protected innocent belatedly getting to know his own country. Like his Brutus, Allam's performance offers some magnificent verse speaking. What most distinguishes it is his fearless choice of emphasis, from which he builds up a character who feels guilty to be handing the dirty work over to Angelo but who will make any sacrifice to retain public sympathy.

In the speech on death, his eyes stray away from the condemned Claudio (Hakeem Kae-Kazim) and it is clear he is thinking only of himself. Time after time he gags his way out with panicky improvisation; and when he finally addresses his quavering proposition to Isabella, she turns scornfully away, seeing her noble protector shrivelling into another compromised male.



Hakeem Kae-Kazim (Claudio) and Josette Simon (Isabella)

Play and casting both dictate that Josette Simon's Isabella should be the only nobly uncorrupted figure on stage. It is necessary for the scheme, and Miss Simon, a burnished icon of impassioned purity, fulfils it to the letter: duly soft-pedalling "more than our brother is our chastity" and enjoying a reconciliatory hug with the backsliding Claudio. The penalty is that she emerges as less humanly interesting than the surrounding hypocrites and sensualists.

In the absence of any absolute judge, they emerge with a wonderful contradictory vitality. Alex Jennings's drawling Lucio can also, quite properly, spring gallantly to Claudio's defence. Phil Daniels's Pompey, features permanently fixed in a foxy leer, speaks up robustly for his imperilled trade. Even Sean Baker's Scottish Angelo, a legal cousin of Burns's Holy Willy, undergoes paroxysms of authentic self-hatred before throwing Isabella to the floor and straddling her as he delivers his ultimatum.

Modified modern costume (including punk variations of bicycling shorts) drives home the main line on the strength of the public lie.

It is one strength of the show that so much of it does happen in public, from the uproarious hearing of the Froth case, to the sight of prison medicals and Pompey as prison librarian wheeling his books into the exercise yard. Hytner has made a notable Stratford debut.

Irving Wardle

Living happily ever after

Into the Woods
Martin Beck, New York

From the enchanted Isle of *Sunday in the Park with George* to the bewitched forest of *Into the Woods*, the composer Stephen Sondheim and librettist/director James Lapine are leading musical theatre towards a splendour of sight, sound and subject that address man's deepest yearnings.

***Into the Woods* ingeniously mingles fairy tales to chart individual and communal journeys from the childlike dream world of "I wish" to the adult reality of "I take responsibility". The curtain rises on three households, with designer Tony Straiges's backdrop evocative of the drawings that illustrate Grimms' fairy tales. Sondheim's recurring motif is "I wish". Cinderella (Kim Crosby) wishes to attend the three balls at the palace festival and sets off to the woods to seek solace at her mother's grave. Jack (Ben Wright) and his mother (Barbara Bryne) wish for money, and Jack is sent through the woods to seek a buyer for his pet cow.**

The baker (Chip Zein) and his wife (Joanna Gleason) wish for children and, in this tale invented by Lapine, their next-door witch (Bernadette Peters) sends them into the woods to get four items which will remove the curse she put on their family, as well as restore her youth and beauty. Tony Straiges's woods are a marvel of spooky trees and blossoms, fantastically lighted by Richard Nelson. Ann Hould-Ward's costumes are amusing (Cinderella's wedding outfit spoofs Princess Di's), sexy (the Wolf suggests a satyr), incredible (Peters as an ugly witch), and always fetching.

As the characters fulfil their wishes, there is much humour in incident and in Sondheim's masterfully clever lyrics. When the Wolf (Robert Westenberg) meets Little Red Riding Hood, he croons: "There's no possible way to describe what you feel/when you're talking to your meal".

Sondheim's music sounds playfully simple — ditties, ballads, dances of childlike innocence, and a rap song for Peters's curse. Violins or woodwinds may hover beneath lyrics, however, adding an ominous or plaintive quality. The characterization, plot, joke or moral being conveyed in a lyric is often in counterpoint to the mood suggested by the beat or melody.

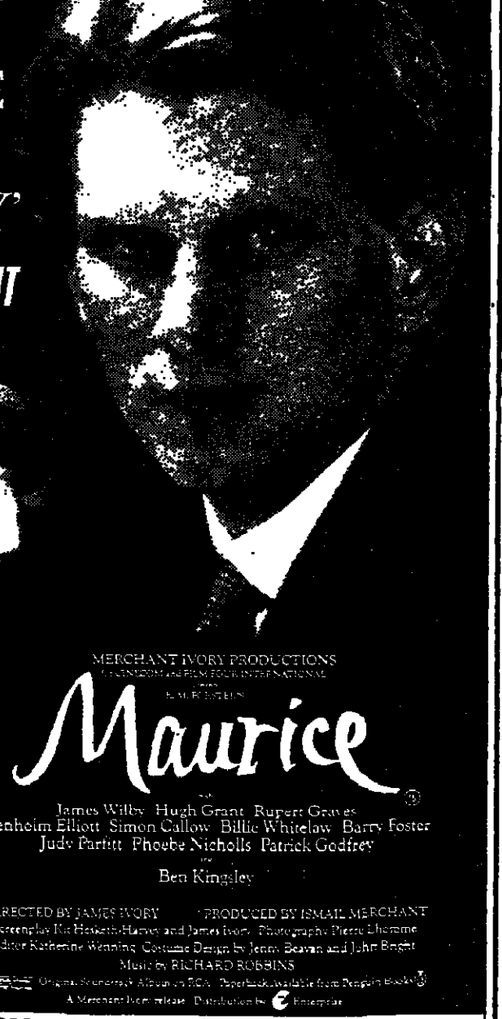
While the characters sing triumphantly "to be happy ever after you must see a wish come true" at the end of Act I, in Act II their wish becomes simply to stay alive. When the characters run back into the woods to hide, they must confront the price exacted for deceits they practised to gain their first wishes. The dream world of "I wish" has a nightmare opposite, where unconscious fears of loss and helplessness come true. Those who survive learn much about themselves as individuals and as members of a community.

The cast are remarkable individually and collectively, and Lapine's direction is ever inventive. In the finale the characters sing "Into the woods you have to go/but that's the way you grow". By taking audiences on this wondrous journey, *Into the Woods* sends us to find the best in ourselves and inspires us to hold it fast.

Holly Hill

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Ostentation with style

CONCERTS

Montreal SO/ Dutoit
Festival Hall

Visiting orchestras always should play Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. The piece is so much about showing off that it can take any amount of ostentatious virtuosity.

But when the effort to display is combined with wit and sophistication, well, then one must have been listening to Charles Dutoit and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, because their performance of the work on Wednesday was quite the most brilliant, lively and funny I have heard.

It came at the right moment, for the first half of the concert had been disappointing. The orchestra's decision to play a local piece was laudable, but I cannot imagine François Morel's *Boreal* of 1960 to be the most stunning Quebecois composition of the last quarter-century and more: it was an undisguised compaction and simplification of Varese's *Arcana*. Then Brahms's First Piano Concerto found Barry Douglas below par, lucid but lacking in weight and accuracy, while the orchestra was implausible in its rhythmic sense and search for colour.

Not so the Bartok. Few of the players, I would guess, can boast Hungarian extraction, but their phrasing of the shiftingly accented melodies, was absolutely just and unanimous.

As for the humour, that came out in the delightful self-consciousness with which the bassoons executed their comic turn in the second movement, and in the mocking woodwind of the fourth movement, giving, for once, a proper impression of hilarity.

Paul Griffiths

LMP/Glover
Elizabeth Hall

The eternal search for the sugar to go with the pill, and the pill to go with the sugar (for that is how it is too often perceived) has been given a new twist by Jane Glover and the London Mozart Players.

A single contemporary piece is being programmed with a Mozart Concerto and a Haydn Symphony in each of six concerts of a season called "Music of Two Decades". The link, according to Glover, is between two periods of fecundity and two close-knit communities of composers: those born in the 1940s and 50s (including Knussen, Harvey, Holloway) and their 1780s Viennese predecessors.

Last night's particular link seemed to be an ear for instrumental sonority. Alexander Goehr's 1980 *Sinfonia*, with its stringent chamber scoring, was framed by the radiant conversation of Mozart's K459 Piano Concerto and the Symphony No 87 by Haydn. The London Mozart Players were in the mood to give Goehr's music a fine run for its money. The sense of continuity through its first two unbroken movements was vibrantly realized; its still centre, before the Variations and final *Dankgesang*, was confirmed as a tour de force of imagination on the part of both Goehr and Philippa Davies, who played its flute solo.

Tamas Vasary was the soloist in the Mozart. Or was he? Partly because of his uncharacteristically grey, even diffident playing and partly because of the LMP's virtuoso wind soloists, it seemed more than ever an ensemble work. Jane Glover conducted it in the spirit of *Figaro*, emphasizing its buoyancy and length of line, and doing just obeisance to the playing of Davies, Nicholas Daniel and John Whitfield in the slow movement.

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Love at first sight

If instant love does exist can it ever survive? Libby Purves meets a couple whose brief encounter endured

Train journeys have never been quite the same since they made *Brief Encounter*. For almost 40 years women of all ages have been dabbing their eyes at the film's conclusion: in which Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, chance-met in a station buffet but both married, decide that they must never meet again.

Leaving the cinema we could dream that years later, free of spouses, the couple would meet again and love would conquer all; but we suspected that these things did not happen outside novels.

Incurable optimists may now take heart: an extraordinary, real-life sequel to a brief encounter is about to be unveiled in a wonderfully soupy edition of *40 Minutes* called "Love at First Sight" with the almost unbearably romantic tale of Henrietta Garnett and John Baker.

It has everything: the meeting on the train, the desperate walk together through seedy streets, the renunciation. But then the story moves forward a dozen years to a reunion scene, with both lovers free to marry. Even better, the second meeting was entirely due to John's luck in spotting (on a train, naturally) a feature printed on this very page of *The Times* last October: there was Henrietta discussing her first novel, *Family Skeletons* . . . and the years melted away.

Anxious not to get too carried away by all this, I went to hear the story for myself from Henrietta and John, in the prosaic surroundings of a borrowed house on the fringes of Bloomsbury. This was appropriate: Henrietta Garnett is Virginia Woolf's great-niece. John Baker is a writer in a less literary genre: after a medical and scientific training, he has spent most of his life producing technical articles and brochures.

Nick Rogers



Together at last: John Baker and Henrietta Garnett. An affair seemed "impossibly shoddy"; they vowed never to meet again

On the day they first met, Henrietta had just delivered her 11-year-old daughter to boarding school. She was 29; she had married at 17 and been widowed a year later. She had travelled restlessly, swung through the gaudier end of Sixties society, "which I enjoyed, although it seemed to end in my going to a lot more funerals than weddings or christenings", but on the day she took the train from Totnes she was unattached. John, on the other hand, was married with a small child.

Both swear they were *not looking for romance*. "I wasn't even brought up to *speak* to people on trains," Henrietta says primly. But from the first moment they saw one another through the window, something happened. "A lunatic love, with no logic behind it," is how Henrietta describes it. "An overwhelming awareness," according to John. They both went for a drink in the buffet car, and John crossed the carriage and said: "We are bound to meet. My name is John. What is yours?" They talked, mainly about writing. The next day they met at Cambridge Circus and spent hours walking and talking. "And I learnt that he had a wife and child."

By the end of that walk, they had decided to take it no *further*. An affair seemed, in John's words, "impossibly shoddy". There seems to have been no disagreement. Henrietta says: "I may have been a Bloomsbury girl, but people get it all wrong — they were very ethical. A dash of John Stuart Mill, a dash of Bertie Russell. My own husband had died and left me with a baby. How could I run off with a man who was the father of a child of one?" They promised never to contact one another again.

"Afterwards," says John, "when I understood that I'd just said goodbye to the most valuable thing life could possibly offer, I found that reading helped. Particularly one short novel by Zola, *Thérèse Raquin*. When I wished I'd done it, I'd say 'remember Thérèse Raquin'." It is a horrifying book, about a couple who murder the girl's husband and marry, but are haunted and driven bitterly apart by the ghost of his drowned and rotting corpse. "I'd think, who am I to demolish others in order to get what I want?"

Henrietta tried to forget him (she actually succeeded in forgetting his surname), travelled, had adventures. Nearly 13 years passed. John's marriage collapsed, and he was divorced. Then Henrietta wrote her novel, talked about it in *The Times*, and John saw her face again. He decided to write to her, carefully adopting a friendly, noncommittal tone.

At first Henrietta failed to connect her correspondent with the incident from her past. Nevertheless she rang the number he provided, and had a peculiar conversation which culminated in the gradual realization that he was John-on-the-train, her brief, long-lost love.

She was living near Dieppe, and invited him for the weekend; and on that romantic station, they met again "with a hug. Not a sexy hug, but it said enough." He was already in love; she "out of nerves, didn't fall in love until we got to the car". Over dinner, before he had got through his plateful of mussels, she had reached the point where she felt "passionately jealous" of the particular mussel he was eating. Fourteen days later they were married in St Pancras Register Office, "in front of a fake Canaletto".

Everything has changed. They live in her house in Dieppe. John has found a new creative energy in his early fifties and is writing films; Henrietta is writing her second novel with new delight.

They never stop to wonder what would have happened if one of them had missed that train. "Well, I always caught the 5.12 when I'd been working down there," John says prosaically. And Henrietta: "If we hadn't met then, we would have met later on. Somewhere."

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Family Skeletons by Henrietta Garnett is published by Gollancz (£9.95).

A new rhythm for adolescent blues?



BARBARA AMIEL

At the beginning of last week, late-night passengers on the Underground found themselves being "steamed". A gang of about 20 youths went from carriage to carriage, threatening and robbing travellers. According to the news reports, the trouble began at a concert at Hammersmith Odeon, where American rap star L.L. Cool J was thumping out his hit songs. The nastiness of some of the audience spilled over to the tube trains. The next evening, on television, a police spokesman carefully suggested that the public might want to think about banning "rap" concerts. In the three evenings of performances, Scotland Yard had reported more than 100 incidents in and around the Hammersmith area, including one attack on a policeman who had ammonia thrown in his eyes.

What exactly, I wondered, as I read reports of the incident, is so combustible about rap? My copy of the new album by American rap star L.L. Cool J (Ladies Love Cool James) did not come with a libretto so I had to sit close to my tape deck and keep pressing the stop and start button in order to catch the lyrics of his chart-topping song "I'm Bad", which began with a percussion growl and the lyrics: "AAaaaaaaaah. Nobody can rap quite like I can/I'll take a musclebound man and put his face in the sand."

Rap music is said to have come from the black ghettos of New York. It sounds like a sort of *sprechgesang* of the Bronx, a rhyming singsong. Its lyrics generally celebrate the singer and his accomplishments in the face of a mean, tough world. It has what the early Seventies called a "walk tall" attitude. But this music is pretty much a-political, more an excuse for a lot of stage business. "He emerged on stage at the Odeon," wrote one awed newspaper critic last week of L.L. Cool J, "out of a giant boogie box and gave a raw, insanely loud rap on life." *Boogie box*? I was not surprised to catch a monosyllabic discussion of rap music on LWT's *Night Network*.

It sounds ordinary enough, just another rock *shtick*. Still, the police clearly had their hands full. "We don't get this trouble with any other kind of music," they said, rather bewilderedly. "Rap seems to encourage the worst elements." The police officers might have been comforted to know that this matter has been touched on by Allan Bloom, the distinguished American author, in his new book *The Closing of the American Mind*. Bloom, a co-director of Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of Democracy at the University of Chicago, writes brilliantly on the influence of

What happens to civilization when young people have their senses deadened by rock?

rock music, which he sees as formative in the development of young people's character.

"Picture a 13-year-old boy," writes Bloom, "sitting in the living room of his family home doing his math assignment while wearing his Walkman headphones and watching music videos. He enjoys the liberties hard won over centuries by the alliance of philosophical genius and political heroism, consecrated by the blood of martyrs; he is provided with comfort and leisure by the most productive economy ever known to mankind; science has penetrated the secrets of nature in order to provide him with the marvellous lifelike electronic sound and image reproduction he is enjoying.

"And in what does progress culminate? A pubescent child whose body throbs with orgasmic rhythms; whose feelings are made articulate in hymns to the joys of onanism or the killing of parents; whose ambition is to win fame and wealth in imitating the drag queen who makes the music; In short, life is made into a non-stop, commercially prepackaged masturbational fantasy."

Well, yes, I suppose that rock music is all that Bloom says it is. At its most effective it can provide a sort of premature ecstasy in which its listeners experience what Bloom describes as the exaltation naturally attached to the completion of the greatest endeavours — victory in a just war, consummated love, artistic creation, religious devotion and discovery of truth. These feelings can all be induced in adolescents without them having to put any effort, talent, virtue or work into getting them. All they have to do, for example, is switch on their headsets and listen to a hyped-up version of Live Aid's national anthem to experience the satisfaction of brotherly love and compassion without doing a fig about it.

Bloom's concern, of course, is not specifically with what happens after a rock concert, but what happens to civilization when most of its young people have all their senses, which should be opened to sublime experience and a liberal education, deadened by the narcotic of rock music. I share his worry, naturally, but I can't help feeling that in spite of the undeniable influence music has upon us all — an influence that Plato called an appeal to the dark, barbarous forces in us — its effect is not quite so determinate and final as he supposes, or the police worry.

After all, music of the type I like and find ennobling does not necessarily translate into approved social actions. A lot of concentration camp commanders played Mozart, and none of us really want to judge the *Ring* cycle by Hitler. Nor will I judge rap music by tube train punks, whose behaviour is simply criminal and could have been induced by anything — or nothing. I think rap can be judged entirely on its own merits and it seems to me that that might lead to a solution that should satisfy all camps: rap concerts given in deserted fields, a good tramp away from the Piccadilly line, and well out of earshot of most civilized human beings.

No home away from home

How immigrant unrest in Britain shaped a traveller's harrowing tale

There comes a time in a traveller's life, according to Dervla Murphy, "when you want to go for something with a bit of meat in it, something that's more than just a frolic". With eight travel books behind her, her latest work is as far removed from being a frolic as a T-bone steak is from a soufflé. This time her travels took her no further than Birmingham and Bradford — or, to stretch a point, to Pakistan and the West Indies, for the people she went to live among originated from these two places.

She was not to know it at the time, but for the immigrant communities of Manningham, in Bradford and Handsworth, Birmingham, 1985 was to be a year of considerable and violent unrest.

In Manningham, she observed and recorded the bitter quarrel which centred on Ray Honeyford, the headmaster whose views on multicultural education caused so much distress, and in Handsworth she witnessed the incident which sparked off the appalling riots of that summer. *Tales of Two Cities* gives voice to the black and brown immigrants of these areas — angry, bewildered, frightened or just plain weary.

We also hear from a white community which is equally frightened and angry for above all, this is a balanced book with every point of view clearly stated.

Living with racial prejudice and raw hate "was harrowing and I was on my knees in the end", she says. In the book we meet the people who brought her to that state — the Mirpuri girl, beaten by her father because she married a man of her own choice; Lyndon, the listless young West Indian whose childhood was spent in five different children's homes and who eventually committed suicide; Phil, a mild-mannered white Englishman whose workmates taunted him so much about his West Indian wife — "your fuzzy-wuzzy" — that he was driven to uncharacteristic violence.



Dervla Murphy: "Something more than just a frolic"

Was it ever too much for her? "No, I'm a writer and while I was being harrowed, I was also interested in the whole thing." And guilt, did that make an appearance at all? After all, a white writer is a fairly privileged member of society — as her immigrant neighbours constantly reminded her. "I write from a permanent background of guilt but that's so totally unconstructive that I dispense with it as useless."

For a traveller who can happily sleep in her clothes for months on end, bedsit-land up north still came as a surprise — walls smeared with the mortal remains of bedbugs and floors resounding to the march of cockroaches.

She says she is "bitterly disappointed" with her book. "It wasn't always possible to say exactly what I wanted to; initially, it was twice the length." She feels that serious trouble lies ahead in the area of race relations and on the question of education, her views are equally strong: "History must be taught from a balanced point of view. Many of the young blacks I got to know had been taught all about the evils of slavery, but few of them knew the role Africans themselves have played in its promotion. That came as a shock to them, and they felt a sort of betrayal that they hadn't been taught that side of it at school. And, of course, white people must be taught about the real aspects of, say, Mirpuri society."

Next summer, she plans to load a tent on the back of her bike and cycle round the 32 counties of Ireland in order to find out something of the feelings of the young people on each side of the divide. That is likely to produce a book which, for some at least, will be every bit as close to the knuckle as her most recent one.

Mary Russell

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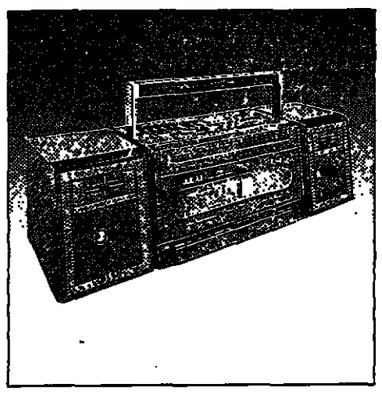
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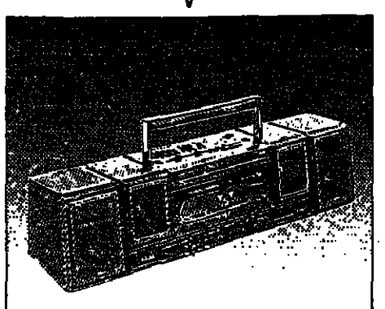
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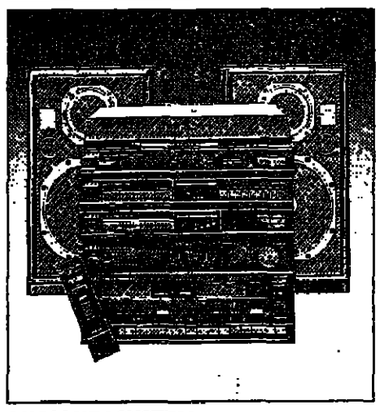
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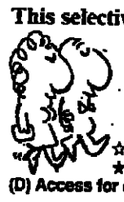


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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews tonight, tomorrow and Nov 16, 7.30-10.30pm, First night Nov 17, 7-10pm, Then Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £6.50-£17.50.

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Dinsdale Landen, Carol Drinkwater and Jeremy Bulloch in N J Crisp's psychological thriller.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2665). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm. mats Thur 3-5pm and Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £7.50-£13.50.

☆ **THE FIGHTING KITE:** Skinheads and their Southall victims in first play by Harwant Bains.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square E15 (01-534 0310). Tube: Stratford.
Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £2.50-£6.50.

☆ **HAMLETMACHINE:** Heiner Müller's meditation on *Hamlet, much praised in New York in this* production by Robert Wilson.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Tonight and tomorrow 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £8.

☆ **IT'S A GIRL:** Bush Theatre reopens after its fire with John Burrows's exhilarating all-woman musical show on pregnancy and allied matters.
Bush Theatre: Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds Bush. Tues-Sun, 8pm, £5.

☆ **J J FARR:** Albert Finney and Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Previews until Nov 17, 8-10.10pm. First night Nov 18, 7-9.10pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs and Sat 305.10pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **LAST SUMMER IN CHULIMSK:** Discontented Russians passing time in small Siberian cafe; a popular Russian play, with Sylvia Sims, Roy Marsden, Alan Gillett.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £6.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm; mats Sat 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 5-7.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50. (D)

☆ **A VISION OF LOVE REVEALED IN SLEEP:** Neil Bartlett and Robin Whitmore in a derelict warehouse interpret the homo-erotic fantasies of Simeon Solomon, Victorian painter and prisoner. ICA/Riverside co-production.
Warehouse 9, Maguire Street, Butlers Wharf SE1. (01-748 3354/930 3647). Tube: Tower Hill/London Bridge. Buses 188, 47, 70 to Jamaica Road or Docklands Light Railway to Tower Gateway. Tues-Sat 8-9pm, £5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CAMBRIDGE: ★ **A Month In The Country:** Cambridge Theatre Company's tour of Turgenev's eternal triangle: mother and daughter rivals for the handsome young tutor.
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill (0223 352000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, £6-£6.50, mat Sat 4.30pm, £4.

COVENTRY: ☆ **Guardian Angels:** Commissioned play by Julian Garner, set in Ireland and England between 1914 and 1966.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

CANTERBURY: ☆ **Nana:** Touring production by Shared Experience of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in fin de siècle Paris.
Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent (0227 69075). Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Thurs 2pm, £3.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Blood Wedding:** New translation of Lorca's ferocious drama of love and vengeance.
Contact Theatre, Oxford Road (061 274 4400), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.

OLDHAM: ☆ **Playboy of The Western World:** Paul Stack plays the object of much desire in Synge's ironic comedy.
Coliseum Theatre, Fairbottom Street (061 624 2829), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Julius Caesar:** Terry Hands's austere but vivid production, with Nicholas Farrell, Sean Baker, Roger Allam and Joseph O'Conor.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). 7.30pm, £3.50-£17.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.40.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.20, 3.20, 5.50, 8.15.

■ **ARIA (18):** A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman.
⊠ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs. (103 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Bayswater (01-352 5096). Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15.

DIRTY DANCING (18): Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Ardolino. (88 min)
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from Peter Richardson originator of *The Comic Strip.* With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond, Nosher Powell. (90 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. *Platoon* may have taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min). .
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18): The latest addition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, Robert Englund; director, Chuck Russell. (96 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody Allen's sweet, delicate tapestry of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes and dreams at the end of the 1930s. With Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Seth Green (89 min).
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. (D)

ROXANNE (PG): *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love. With Daryl Hannah. Australian Fred Schepisi directs.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.05.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U):** Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
⊠ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama; filled with bullets, blood, and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00. .
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
⊠ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **WHO'S THAT GIRL (15):** Derivative, silly comedy, ensured a teenage audience by the presence of Madonna, cast as a petty thief just released from prison. Co starring Griffin Dunne. Directed by James Foley (92 min).
Warner West End (01-439 0791) Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.15, 5.00, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 5.10, 8.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
⊠ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.



Capturing the self-assured confidence of the young Teddy boys (above) kicking their heels on street corners and the sheer vivacity and excitement of children at play and at war is what social documentary photographer Roger Mayne made uniquely his own. When Colin MacInnes's cult novel of 1959, *Absolute Beginners,* was made into a film a year or two back it drew attention to Mayne's work, not simply because his photographs appeared on the original book jackets, but because MacInnes set his novel in a district of London which Mayne had already embraced as his own — north Kensington and the streets of W10. While MacInnes was charting his heroes' path through the shabbiness of Notting Hill with its coffee bars and jazz clubs, Mayne was creating his own unique historical document. For six years from 1956 to 1961 he visited one particular street, Southam Street — now swept from the map — 27 times, taking over 1400 photographs. The results of this concentrated examination of the life and vitality of one street can be seen in the fine touring exhibition, *Street Photographs of Roger Mayne,* at Brighton Polytechnic Gallery, Faculty of Art and Design, Grand Parade, Brighton (0273 604141) until December 2, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, free. *Michael Young*

GALLERIES

PATRICK BURKE: Fantastic, decorative paintings.
Brighton Polytechnic Gallery, Grand Parade, Brighton (0273 604141), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, free, until Dec 2.

WINTER EXHIBITION: Drawings, paintings, graphics and sculptures by gallery artists; their 24th Winter exhibition.
Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland Street, Manchester (061 236 2715), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm, Sat 1-5pm, free.

WHITWORTH YOUNG CONTEMPORARIES: Works by 90 artists competing for five biennial awards.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester (061 273 4865), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 19.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: Major survey of arts and crafts in Plantagenet England, 1200-1400.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10am-6pm, £4, until March 6.

EDWARDIAN ELEGANCE: Portraits and scenes of High Society by painters such as de Laszlo, Philpot and John Quincy Adams.
Christopher Wood Gallery, 15 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 9141), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Nov 28.

FRANZ XAVER WINTERHALTER (1805-1873): 19th century royalty flatteringly portrayed by their favourite painter.
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, £2, until Jan 10.

ARTISTS LOOK AT CONTEMPORARY BRITAIN: Ken Currie, R B Kitaj and Helen Chadwick are among ten artists examining aspects of social life in Britain. Plus: Diego Rivera.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-261 0127). Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm, £3, until Jan 10.

MANNERS AND MORALS: Charting the emergence of a British School in painting during the lifetime of William Hogarth (1697-1764).
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3, until Jan 3.

VIEWS OF THE PAST: Seven centuries of topographical draughtsmanship — examples from the British Library.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until Jan 31.

DANCE

☆ **GLORIANA:** New work for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet by Michael Corder, starring Galina Samsova, to Britten's music with designs by Philip Prowse. *Paramour* and the showpiece *Paquita* complete the bill.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7846), 7.30-9.45pm. £5-£15.

☆ **STRAVINSKY:** Bernard Haitink conducts the Royal Ballet in a triple bill, with Bryony Brind, Cynthia Harvey and Deborah Bull all new in the leading roles.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm. £1-£30.

☆ **NEWARK:** London première by Trisha Brown Dance Company; also *Set and Reset* with music by Laurie Anderson and design by Robert Rauschenberg.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8196), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£7.50.

★ **MY BODY YOUR BODY:** New work about women by Lloyd Newson from DV8 Physical Theatre.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

OPERA

★ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Last chance to see Philip Prowse's elegant Bizet production.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** Christopher Renshaw's popular production for New Sadler's Wells Opera.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065), 7.30-10.15pm, £9-£13.50.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** David Pountney's entertaining production for Scottish Opera, now staged for a tour by Richard Jones.
Tyne Theatre, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 2061), 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£20.

CONCERTS

☆ **LENINGRAD/EMPEROR:** Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Shostakovich's Symphony No 7 "Leningrad" and Annie Fischer solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor."
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £2-£14.

☆ **RARE SZYMANOWSKI:** An unusual programme by the Scottish National Orchestra conducted by Grzegorz Nowak includes the orchestral versions of Szymanowski's Etude Op 4 No 3 and Roxana's Aria from *King Roger,* Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 1 "Winter Daydreams" and Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No 1 (Boris Belkin, soloist).
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155, cc 228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

☆ **ALL PURCELL:** In the second concert of their all-Purcell series the Purcell Quartet play various quartets and suites, and they are joined by Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, for some songs.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **VIRTUOSO VASARY:** Tamás Vásáry performs Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 81a "Les Adieux," Schubert's *Impromptus* D 899 and Schumann's Symphonic Studies.
Central Hall, York University, York (0904 644194), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **FROM MONTREAL:** Charles Dutoit conducts the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Don Juan,* Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2, in which the distinguished soloist is Jorge Bolet, and Stravinsky's ballet *Petrushka.*
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm; £5-£15.

☆ **SHAFTESBURY CONCERT:** Rather a mixed bag of items is performed in aid of the Shaftesbury Society by such artists as the Elizabethan Singers, Lesley Shrigley Jones and others. Included are Falla's *Suite Populaire Espagnole,* Cassado's *Requiebros* and the world première of Camilleri's *Missa da Pacem.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£7.

JAZZ

● *We apologize for incorrect information given in this section yesterday.*

☆ **JOHN SCOFIELD:** Blues-inclined co-architect of Miles Davis's most incisive 1980s music, now leading his own quartet, the guitarist opens a tour at the Docklands Jazz Festival.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, London E1 (01-790 4000), 8pm, £7.

☆ **TIM WHITEHEAD:** The Loose Tubes' saxophonist leads a band featuring the Tubes' agile guitarist John Parricelli.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 2223), 9pm, £3.

☆ **CONRAD HERWIG:** New York based trombonist whose credits include appearances with Red Garland and Toshiko Akiyoshi.
Flambards Wine Bar, Rose Crescent, Cambridge (0223 62550), 8pm, £4.

☆ **CAROL KIDD:** A gifted singer, who manages to overcome some occasionally hackneyed material.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 8pm, £4.

☆ **IN CAHOOTS:** Electric quintet, featuring reedsman Elton Dean, built on the heritage of bands such as Soft Machine, Gong and Paraphernalia.
Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford (0865 722648), 8pm, £4.

☆ **JOHN TAYLOR:** His quartet, Foil, explores some dense, often sparkling new material, performed on two pianos, vibes and drums. The support set, from the female trio Vocal Summit, mixes acappella singing with occasional intrusive electronics.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30pm, £4.

ROCK

★ **TOM WAITS:** See caption.
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50.

☆ **LLOYD COLE AND THE COMMOTIONS:** The students' favourite has turned his attention to the adult rock audience.
Royal Centre, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30pm, £8-£7.

☆ **10,000 MANIACS:** New York folk-rockers drifting somewhere between the territories of Suzanne Vega and the Bangles.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW6 (01-267 3334), 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **THE STYLISTICS:** The US soul group whose many hits in the Seventies include "Can't Give You Anything (But My Love)", "I'm Stone In Love With You" and "You Make Me Feel Brand New".
Bow Theatre, Bow Road, London E3 (01-790 1818), 8pm, £6-£7.

★ **DAVID ESSEX:** The finale to a 50-date marathon by the "Rock On" wide boy.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £6.50-£10.50.



Tom Waits (above) is an exceptionally gifted live performer whose vehicle is a graff portrayal of life on the wrong side of the tracks. His exaggeratedly mumbling and stumbling delivery and air of flirting with dereliction sometimes obscure his musical acuity, but his growing band of followers love every carefully calculated moment. His current British tour takes him to Edinburgh Playhouse tonight (see listing) and he is at the Hammersmith Odeon for four nights from next Thursday.

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

DISCOVERING BLOOMSBURY: meet Holborn tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £2.50.

HAUNTED LONDON: meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

UNDERWORLD LONDON — FAGIN'S FRIENDS: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUE CERAMICS FAIR: Pre-1920 porcelain, pottery and glass including Royal Worcester and Coalport vases, Staffordshire portraits, Nantgarw porcelain, Welsh pottery, Doulton, Minton and Wedgwood.
Chequers Hotel, Northophall Village, near Chester. Today 2pm-9pm, tomorrow 11am-5pm, £1, accompanied child 50p.

MODERN BRITISH PICTURES: Works by Edward Wadsworth, Stanley Spencer and Augustus John are among the paintings to be auctioned today.
Christie's, 8 King Street, London, SW1 (01-839 9060), 10.30am.

GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL: Penultimate opportunity to see this illuminated procession organised by the Somerset Guy Fawkes Association.
Wells, Somerset. Tonight, 7pm

THE TELLERS OF TIME: Last chance to see and listen to an Indian dancer, storyteller and musician re-create forgotten folklore stories from around the world. Especially suitable for young children.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London, W8. (01-603 4535). Today, 11am-noon and 1pm-2pm, free.

LIGHT UP THE LAND: Lung Ha' Theatre Company in a continuous performance/workshop which provides a platform for the talents of handicapped persons working with volunteers on theatrical skills. Also photographic exhibition and videos about the company's work.
Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1265). Today, tomorrow 11am-7.15pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ADRIANA LECOUVREUR: English Chamber Orchestra and London Oriana Choir in a concert performance of Francesco Cilea's opera with Natalia Troitskaya, Vincent Sardinero, Giacomo Aragall and Cleopatra Ciurca; Maximiano Valdes conducting. Dec 7.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891/628 8795).

WIGMORE HALL: December concerts include Julian Lloyd Webber playing world premiere of Malcolm Arnold's Fantasy for Cello; performances by Albion Ensemble, Peter Donohoe, Sarah Walker and the Cambridge Buskers. Also New Year's Day concert with Lucia Popp and Geoffrey Parsons.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

CINDERELLA: Suzi Quatro plays Prince Charming, with Paul Medford, Beejaye, and Debbie Ash. Music by Ken Bolam. Dec 4-Jan 2.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394).

LAST CHANCE

NATIONAL TRUST: 60 artists commissioned to depict a National Trust house. Ends today.
Agnew, Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6176).

SUCCESS BY DESIGN: Nearly 200 years of changing styles at W H Smith. Ends today.
Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020).

CHINA TRADE: To mark opening of Chinese Export Gallery — dancers, musicians, potters, martial arts, lantern-making, acupuncture, palmistry. Chinese chess, etc. Ends Sun. Firework display tomorrow.
V & A Museum, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Home Canning (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the subject of fox-hunting.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **King Rollo** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Peter Barkworth with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** from the Unemployed People's Club, Hartlepool, where the bone of contention is the advertising of expensive toys at Christmas time.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Alan Titchmarsh begins the construction of a garden for a young family and there is music from cellist *Julian Lloyd Webber.* **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Scott asks for Clive's help in stopping Charlene returning home to her father.
1.50 Racing from Cheltenham. The Philip Cornes Novices Hurdle Race Qualifier (2.10). Further coverage of the meeting continues on BBC2.
2.20 Film: One Touch of Venus (1948, b/w) starring Ava Gardner and Robert Walker. A department store window dresser becomes infatuated by a statue of Venus. He kisses the sculpture and it comes to life — much to the consternation of his fiancé and the store owner. Directed by William A Seiter.
3.40 Ask Margo. Margo MacDonald answers viewers' queries.
3.50 Comers. Children's questions answered **4.10 SuperTed** (r). **4.15 What's All This Then?** with Steve Blacknell **4.55 Newsround 5.05 Grange Hill.** Episode 14 (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam 87.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Miss World, Hinge and Bracket, Barbara Taylor Bradford and husband and wife consumer team, John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood. Plus music from the Housemartins.
7.40 Blankety Blank. With Les Dawson tonight are Cheryl Baker, Bernard Cribbins, Mark Curry, Jean Ferguson, Roy Walker and Barbara Windsor. (Ceefax)
8.15 Twenty Years of the Two Ronnies. Sketches from Messrs Barker and Corbett's fruitful two decade comic partnership (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Pulaski. Episode seven and Larry decides to spend an evening gambling and brings along a model he picks up on the way to the casino. As it turns out — not a very good idea. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. Black comedy about an American family who decide to take a holiday at a theme park called Wally World. Directed by Harold Ramis.
11.55 Level 42: The Wembley Concert. Recorded last December (r)
12.40 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.30 Daytime on Two: cleaning the River Clyde **9.52** Part seven of a ghost story **10.15** Life in Edwardian Scotland **10.38** Stevenage new town **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** On a mountain **12.00** Part two of *A View from the Bridge* **12.35** A school visit to First World War battle sites **1.05** Austria in summer **1.20** For the very young **2.00 News** and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.
2.20 Sport on Friday. Racing from Cheltenham, continued from BBC1: the **2.45, 3.20** and **3.55** races; and **International Tennis:** two quarter-final matches in the Benson and Hedges Championships from Wembley Arena. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.45.
5.30 Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: Tarzan Goes to India (1962) starring Jock Mahoney. The jungle hero foresakes his loincloth for a Savile Row suit when he is summoned to India to help save the lives of hundreds of elephants who are threatened by the proposed building of a dam. Directed by John Guillermin.
7.25 Cartoon Two. Matrioska.
7.30 *The Education Report* presented by Linda Alexander and Martin Young. News of Workbase, a trade union/employer initiative by which employees have a chance to catch up on the "three Rs".
8.00 The Friday Report: Buddies. A programme about a scheme set up four years ago by the Terrence Higgins Trust whereby volunteers befriend people suffering from Aids.
8.30 Out of Court examines the legality of cohabitation contracts for couples living together outside of marriage.
9.00 The Duty Men. The fourth programme in the series about the secret world of Customs and Excise officers. (Ceefax)
9.50 Woody Allen: Love, Death, Sex and Matters Arising. (see Choice)
10.50 Newsnight 11.35 Weather.
11.40 International Tennis. Highlights of this evening's matches in the Benson and Hedges Championships. Ends at **12.35.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** Plus, Jimmy Greaves's television highlights. After Nine includes Russell Grant's predictions for the weekend.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00 Santa Barbara.** American soap **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** A discussion on superstition
11.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 At the Works.** Local history series. With Margaret Tyzack. **12.00 Jimmy's.** A visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Film: The Wind Cannot Read (1958) starring Dirk Bogarde and Yoko Tani. Love story, set against the background of the Second World War, about an RAF officer and a beautiful young Japanese woman. Directed by Ralph Thomas.
3.00 Take the High Road. Drama serial set on a Scottish Highland estate **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls. The first of a new series. With the voice of Neil Innes. **4.10 The Adventures of Tintin 4.20 Scooby Doo 4.45** Splash includes a visit to Magherafelt High School, Belfast, and teenage drivers displaying their skills.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 New Faces of '87. Talent competition presented by Marti Caine. The non-voting judges are Martine Delamere, Stubby Kaye and Helen Shapiro.
8.00 The Bretts. New York composer Gerard Lee calls at Nightingale Grove. Is he interested in his old love, Lydia, or her daughter, Martha? Starring James Laurenson, Norman Rodway and Barbara *Murray.* (Oracle)
9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. A girl is abducted on the way home from a launderette. The man responsible seems to want Makepeace to find him — and Dempsey begins to worry. Starring Michael Brandon and Glynis Barber (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by **LWT News** headlines.
10.30 The London Programme investigates what our school system will look like a decade hence.
11.00 The Good Life Guide. Discover the secrets of being a successful party-giver by watching a drinks party in Richmond; lunch in Knightsbridge; and dinner parties in Chigwell and Notting Hill.
11.30 Go for Goal. Indoor sports tournament for teams representing Leisure centres. Introduced by Danny Baker from the Fountain Leisure Centre, Brentford.
12.30 Off the Rack. Rag trade comedy series starring Ed Asner.
1.00 Night Network. Pop music, games, cartoons and interviews.
4.00 Route 66 (b/w). Buz and Todd are hired to protect a group of models visiting the site of an Arizona dam for fashion shots (t).
4.55 Baseball '87. St Louis Cardinals v San Francisco Giants. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service.
12.30 *Start Here. Basic principles of* physics for children (r).
1.00 On Course. This week's Open College trainers' programme comes from Doncaster.
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Heritage: Civilization and the Jews. Part four of the history of the Jewish civilization (r).
3.15 Second Glance. The old Clyde paddlesteamer *Waverly* (r).
3.30 Time to Remember (b/w). The United States in 1932 (r).
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson, John Rae and Bea Campbell discuss crime and punishment.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 The Chart Show. Part one.
6.00 Revid. A review of the latest film releases on video.
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes. Catherine Buchanan, a London-based American writer and rap artist.
6.30 The Chart Show. Part two.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing. Weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Nicholas Shakespeare reviews Arthur Miller's autobiography, *Timebends.*
8.00 What the Papers Say, with Martin Kettle of the *Guardian*
8.15 Dispatches: Aids — the Unheard Voices. A programme challenging the theory that Aids is caused by the HIV virus
9.00 Tandoori Nights. Comedy series.
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor horticulture series. (Oracle)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Award-winning American comedy series. (Oracle)
10.30 The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross. The guests include Roy Orbison, Beryl Reid, designer Jean-Paul Gautier and model, Marie Helvin.
11.20 Separate Development. A documentary about supposed apartheid in Britain's schools.
12.05 The Best of Paul Hogan (r).
12.35 Film: Fast Talking (1983) starring Rod Zuniac. A study of juvenile delinquency in Sydney, focusing on a 15-year-old boy from a broken home. Directed by Ken Cameron. Ends at **2.20.**

The wisdom of Woody

TELEVISION CHOICE



Woody Allen talks about himself in a rare but unsurprising television interview (Woody Allen: BBC2, 9.50pm)

● He says he has yet to make a great film and hopes that he will manage at least one or two. But if he was told tomorrow that he would never do another picture he would *happily accept the situation* because he would rather be writing books. These nuggets come from **Woody Allen** (BBC2, 9.50pm), in which the great man sits in his New York apartment, hair tousled, shirt open at the neck, and is interviewed by Christopher Frayling. Since Woody rarely goes on television to talk about himself the programme is something of a coup, though there are no surprises. The format is traditional: a clip, a few straightforward questions and then on to the next film. Allen is quiet, courteous, articulate and hardly ever smiles. Tony Roberts, the actor who has become part of the Allen repertory company, says people are always amazed to find out how disciplined Woody is in real life, how sane and down-to-earth. He's not the "nervous bundle of inability" we see on the screen. After this interview, we should be amazed no longer. Apologetically self-critical, Allen reckons that *Annie Hall* "reinforced the prejudice of the middle class", declares that *Manhattan* was overrated and says the popularity of *Hannah and Her Sisters* was due to it turning out more optimistic than he intended. He reveals that he has more ideas for films than he could possibly make in his lifetime, so it looks as if the books will have to wait. Meanwhile, Mia Farrow, his leading lady on screen and close companion off it, is about to give birth to his first child. He wants a girl and, like any prospective parent, hopes only that she will be healthy.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out (Mike Read) **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **9.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show **VHF Stereo Radio 1 and 2:- 4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Claire Rayner **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks for the Memory (Hubert Gregg) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Jonathan Cohen at the Piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains (Nigel Ogden) **10.00** Brooks Asheron's Serenade **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Nightcap **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times given in GMT.
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** This Musical World **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News and Sports Roundup **9.45** Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** Best of British **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15pm** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** In the Psychiatrist's Chair **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** Battle of Pollock's Crossing **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** A Drop of Irish **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Francois Borne (Fantaisie brillante on themes from *Carmen*: Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute, with RPO under Placido Domingo), Verdi (L'esule: Margaret Price, soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano), Liszt transcription of Schubert (Wohin?; Lebe wohl; Das Wandern: Jorge Bolet, piano), Strauss (Four Symphonic Interludes from *Intermezzo*: Bavarian State Orchestra under Joseph Keilberth)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Concert (continued): Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4; English Concert under Pinnock, harpsichord, with soloists Standage, Pickett and Beckett), Stravinsky (Octet: London Sinfonietta under Chailly), Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1: Martha Argerich with LSO under Abbado)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Gluck. Ensemble Instrumental Cyril Diederich play the Sinfonia No 5 in D. Also, the opéra comique in two acts, L'Ivrogne corrigé (the reformed drunkard), with Paris PO under René Leibowitz, and soloists including Jean-Christophe Benoit (as the drunkard), and Claudine Collart (as his niece)
10.05 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under James Lockhart. Vancura (overture to Sokolovsky's Miller, witch, cheat and marriage broker), Rubinstein (Sarabande, Serenade, Minuet: orchestrated by Lyadov), Prokofiev (Symphony No 1)
10.40 French Songs: Michael George (bass-baritone), with Antony Saunders (piano). Debussy (Trois chansons de France), Poulenc (Le Bestiaire), Debussy (Trois ballades de Francois Villon), Fauré (Mirages)
11.15 Raphael Ensemble: Mendelssohn (Quintet in B flat, Op 87), Dvorak (Quintet in E flat, Op 97). With James Clark and Elizabeth Wexler (violins), Sally Beamish and Roger Tapping (violas) and Andrea Hess (cello)
12.25 Swansea Festival 1987: BBC Welsh SO under James Loughran, with Michael Collins (basset-clarinet). Part one. Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K 622)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Swansea Festival (continued): Mahler (Symphony No 5)
2.30 University of Wales Recital: Clerkes of Oxenford under David Wulstan perform works by Wulstan (Four carols), Alfonso the Wise (Three cantigas), and John Sheppard (including *Spiritus sanctus*, and *In manus tuas*)
3.15 De Saram Clarinet Trio: Debussy's Sonata in D minor for cello and piano; Lutoslawski's Dance preludes for clarinet and piano), Berg's Four Pieces Op 5 for clarinet and piano; Simon Bainbridge's Three players for cello, bass-clarinet and piano
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Canterbury Cathedral. The organ voluntary is Harwood's Sonata No 1, first movement. The organist is Hugh Davies
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: Andrew Keener presents a selection of recorded music
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 Drawing the Line: first of four reflections on BBC programme standards. Presented by Colin Morris, BBC Controller, Northern Ireland. (see Choice)
7.20 Super-excellent Music: London Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble under Andrew Parrott perform Gabrieli's Sonata XV, 1597; and Canzon VIII, 1615
7.30 BBC Singers: with Thomas Trotter (organ) and Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball (pianos), under John Poole. Live from Birmingham. Elgar (Great is the Lord), Joubert (Vision and prayer), Britten (Rejoice in the Lamb), Joubert (A hymne to God the Father), Casken (Bede's death song, To fields we do not know), and Gordon Crosse (The covenant of the rainbow). Interview with John Joubert at **8.10**
9.10 La Dispute: comedy of manners by Marivaux, translated by Timberlake Wertenbaker. With a cast headed by Maureen O'Brien, Jane Leonard, Gary Cady and James Macpherson. Music by Gordon Langford (r)
10.10 BBC Scottish SO, under Jerzy Maksymiuk. Mussorgsky (A night on the *bare mountain*), Grieg (Holberg Suite), Stravinsky (The Firebird suite)
11.15 Clementi and Dussek: Christopher Kite (square piano) plays Clementi's Sonata in G minor, Op 34 No 2; and Dussek's *The sufferings of the Queen of France*
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35-6.00pm Wales Today **6.38-7.00** Sportsfolio **12.40-12.45am** News of Wales **SCOTLAND: 10.50-11.00am** Dotaman **5.35-7.00pm** Reporting Scotland **10.20-10.50** Left, Right and Centre **10.50-12.25am** Film: National Lampoon's Vacation **12.25-1.15** Level 42: The Wembley Concert **1.15-1.20** Weather; Close **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35-5.40pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam **12.40-12.45am** Northern Ireland News **ENGLAND: 6.35-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 6.30am-8.55 Mastertearn 87 **8.00pm-8.30** Public Account **NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax **8.00pm-8.30** Steam Days **ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30 East:** Insight. **Midlands:** The Glorious Gloucesters. **North:** The Look North Report. **North-east:** The Allotment Show. **North-west:** Top Town. **South:** Coming of Age. **South-west:** Western Report. **West:** West on Two

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm News **1.00-3.00** Film: A Little Romance **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Section **11.10-1.00am** Film: Cry Terror".

BORDER As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Battle of the Vi" **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Revid. A review of the latest film releases on video. **6.15** Famous for 15 Minutes. Catherine Buchanan, a London-based American writer and rap artist. **6.30** The Chart Show. Part two. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing. Weather. **7.50** Book Choice. Nicholas Shakespeare reviews Arthur Miller's autobiography, *Timebands.* **8.00** What the Papers Say, with Martin Kettle of the *Guardian* **8.15** Dispatches: Aids — the Unheard Voices. A programme challenging the theory that Aids is caused by the HIV virus **9.00** Tandoori Nights. Comedy series. **9.30** A Houseful of Plants. Indoor horticulture series. (Oracle) **10.00** The Golden Girls. Award-winning American comedy series. (Oracle) **10.30** The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross. The guests include Roy Orbison, Beryl Reid, designer Jean-Paul Gautier and model, Marie Helvin. **11.20** Separate Development. A documentary about supposed apartheid in Britain's schools. **12.05** The Best of Paul Hogan (r). **12.35** Film: Fast Talking (1983) starring Rod Zuniac. A study of juvenile delinquency in Sydney, focusing on a 15-year-old boy from a broken home. Directed by Ken Cameron. Ends at **2.20.**

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm News **1.00-3.00** Film: Passionate Summer" **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Stroker Ace **1.45am** The Roxy **2.15** America's Top Ten **2.45** Adventure Bound **3.45** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Reilly Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Die Laughing **12.50am-1.00** TV Censored Bloopers **4.00** Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm Granada Reports **1.00** Film: The Odd Job **2.30-3.00** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.30** This England **11.00** Film: McO **1.00am** I Spy **1.55** Meltdown **2.55** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm News **1.00pm** Film: Star of India" **2.30-3.00** Who's the Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Your Say **10.45** Flashback for the Fans **11.15** Film: The Streetfighter **12.85am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six **10.30** The Story and the Song **11.00-12.40am** Film: The Streetfighter.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Film: The Mountain" **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Cartoon **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Musical Journey **10.30** Aly Bain & Friends **11.15** Pick a Star: Viewers' Choice **12.40am** Late Call. Closedown.

TSW As London except:12.50pm News **1.00-3.00** Film: Crooks and Coronets **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32** Sledgehammer **11.00** Film: Kluss **1.10am** Postscript

TVS As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Reilly – Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** Crosswits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Film: Die Laughing **12.50am-1.00** Bloopers **4.00am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm News **1.00-3.00** Film: Naked Runner **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32** Nightline **11.30** Film: And the Wall Came Tumbling Down **12.45am** Three's Company. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm Newstime **1.00-3.00** Film: The Pleasure of his Company" **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35** Kelly's People ... On Tour **11.20** Film: Beg, Borrow ... Or Steal **12.35am** Newstime. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm News **1.00-3.00** Film: Esther Waters" **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Film: World War III **2.30am** Jobfinder **3.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** Film: Young Man of Music" **4.15** Brivsion **4.30** Bilidowsar **5.00** Chips' Comic **5.30** Chart Show **6.00** Revid **6.15** Famous for Fifteen Minutes **6.30** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Raglan Fawnb **8.00** Trebor **8.30** Carreg Ateb **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.40** In the Dog House **10.00** A Fine Romance **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Separate Development **12.05am** Best of Paul Hogan **12.30-2.20** Film: Fast Talking.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought *for the Day* **8.35** *Yesterday* in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's castaway is Sue Lawley'(r)
9.45 God's Acre: Wilfred De'Ath reports on life in the village of Corby Glen, Lincolnshire during the month of November
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Dress, by Susan V. Homer. Read by Margaret Ward
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: The Lie of the Land: David Wheeler explores the changing policies towards the use of land (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Booker Prize-winning writer Penelope Lively examines children's books
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: Food on the Dole: Derek Cooper meets three families who have learnt to feed themselves cheaply and well while unemployed **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Compulsory AIDS testing: if positive, do partners and children have the right to know? Julie Carter and a group of theologians, lawyers and doctors examine this and other ethical issues. Plus episode nine of *Where Angels Fear to Tread* by E M Forster, read by Robert Powell
3.00 News; Mr Beluncle: Three-part dramatization of V S Pritchett's novel with Freddie Jones and Rosemary Leach (3) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Large Slow Target: Author Leslie Thomas tells the story of *Exercise Tiger,* an American dress-rehearsal for D-Day which ended in disaster on a Devon beach with 750 servicemen killed.
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM presented by Bill Frost and Valerie Singleton **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News with Peter Donaldson, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs *and his team monitor* movements in the world of travel and transport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents her highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes
8.05 The Week in Synod: Religious Affairs Correspondent John Newbury reports from the Church of England's General Synod meeting in London this week
8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests include Norman Lamont MP, Liberal Party chairman Tim Clement-Jones, and Frances Morrell
9.05 Law in Action: John Eidinow presents the topical programme about issues thrown up by the courts and by Parliament
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Chris Powling and guests select some good new books for children; plus a preview of the Beatrix Potter exhibition at the Tate Gallery, London
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Child in Time by Ian McEwan. Read by Norman Jones (final episode) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight presented by Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover
12.00 Close **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join in with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dacing Stage 3 **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. French E: Horizons de France. 5: Les Loisirs (s)

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RADIO CHOICE



Colin Morris on broadcasting standards (R3, 7.00pm)

● Colin Morris's series of talks, **Drawing The Line** (Radio 3, 7pm) comes at a time when the BBC is engaged in "putting its house in order" and the public debate over broadcasting "standards" is seldom long off the boil. In fact, *Drawing The Line* is part of the process, being a distillation of Dr Morris's commissioned report to the BBC Board of Management. In the first talk, *The Producer's Conscience,* he asks "Why should the BBC get involved in the moralising business, and why does the public expect it to?". In a discursive, generalizing essay he gives the reasons, historical, cultural and political, concluding that the individual producer's conscience is the ultimate determinant, and marvelling at how often this organ of subjectivity gets it right. Dr Morris, as a former Head of Religious Affairs at the BBC, is very much a product of the Reithian tradition, and quotes Reith with approval more than once. He gets down to cases in the second talk (tomorrow 7.25pm) which focuses on entertainment and is called "That Give Delight and Hurt Not." Is it significant, I wonder, that Dr Morris attributes this quotation to Prospero, when in fact the words are Caliban's?

Nigel Andrew

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Princess returns to re-live school days

The Princess of Wales went back to school yesterday and spoke fondly of her memories: of talking after lights out, smuggled "goodies" and the punishment which quickly followed for breaking the rules.

The Princess took her two elder sisters, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, wife of the Queen's deputy private secretary,on a nostalgic trip to West Heath School, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Lady Sarah and Lady Jane and the Princess's lady-in-waiting, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, who accompanied them, are all old girls of the £1,925-a-term boarding school.

Officially, the Princess was there to open a sports hall named after her former headmistress, Miss Ruth Rudge, who retires next month after 37 years with the school.

The atmosphere was more like an old girls' reunion, but the Princess blushed as she stood on the hall platform next to Miss Rudge, facing the ranks of the 150 girl pupils dressed in the school uniform of navy jersey and short blue skirt, an outfit she was all too familiar with not so many years ago.

The Princess admitted straightaway that she found it "rather daunting" to be speaking in front of so many, not least her past headmistress, adding: "I feel sure that there are more practised and certainly better speakers than I in the audience.

"My years at West Heath were certainly very happy ones. I made many friends whom I often see and in spite of what Miss Rudge and my other teachers may have thought, I did actually learn something, though you would not have known by my O-level results".

The Princess left the school after four years without a single O-level pass.

She said that she could not think of a better and more lasting memento to her headmistress's years at the school than "this magnificent hall."

The Princess reduced the pupils to fits of laughter when she said: "Perhaps now, when future generations are handed out punishments for talking after lights, pillow fights, illegal food, they will be told to run six times round this hall. It has to be preferable to the lacrosse pitch or weeding the garden, which I became a great expert at."

Wearing a beige belted dress, Russian-style boots and carrying a muff, the Princess wished Miss Rudge "every happiness" in her retirement. She added to more laughter: "After 37 years teaching at West Heath and three Spencer daughters later, it must be well deserved."

Sir Hugh Cubitt, chairman of the school governors, told the Princess that most school pupils must have dreamed of revisiting their schools "in a greater or lesser degree of glory."But few would have foreseen arriving by helicopter of the Queen's Flight. "That must be the dream to beat all dreams.".

Earlier, while they were waiting for the Princess to arrive, excited pupils were eager to talk about their most distinguished old girl.

Miss Charlotte Wintringham-White, aged 15, who sleeps in the same "cowshed", the unflattering description the girls give their dormitory cubicles, as the Princess did during her time at school, said: "We have been told that she was a fun person, a very average nice girl."

Miss Emma Kendrick-White, also aged 15, added: "She probably got into trouble. The girls are always playing pranks on the staff. Everyone gets into trouble at some time."

The Princess's one-time dormitory cubicle now has James Dean posters and pictures of the Platoon star Charlie Sheen, on the walls, put there by Miss Charlotte Wintringham-White.

The Princess greeted Miss Rudge with two kisses on each cheek when she arrived after a rather bumpy ride across wind-blown Kent.

On a private tour of her old haunts, a part of her visit which was off limits to the Press, the Princess met her old teachers, including some who have retired, and the Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Rev David Say, who confirmed her as a member of the Church of England at the parish church of St Mary's near by.

As she waited for the Princess to arrive, Miss Rudge said: "We all have fond memories of Diana. We are so much of a family here."

It was the Princess's first public visit to her old school although she did return privately on the eve of her engagement to the Prince of Wales to warn the school what to expect.

The Princess obviously loved every minute of the nostalgic morning. She told boys from the Solefields preparatory school, who were given the morning off to greet her: "It is a funny feeling to be back at your old school."

Miss Beckwith-Smith added: "It is rather exciting, rather strange."

Before she left the Princess was presented with a memento of her visit by Miss Katherine Pope, the head girl, aged 17, a glass goblet engraved with a view of the school and a bouquet of flowers by Anna Nevill, West Heath's first-year captain, aged 11.

Mrs Hilary Seery, who taught the Princess geography, said: "It was lovely to see her again. She has not changed at all.

"I imagine she has learnt a lot more geography since she left here."

But despite all those years since she left, the Princess had obviously not forgotten the school rules. Spotting reporters standing on a close-cut lawn, she called across: "You are not supposed to be on the grass, you know."



The Princess and her sisters, Lady Jane (left) and Lady Sarah (right) with Miss Rudge, the retiring headmistress, at West Heath School. Sevenoaks.



Prince William (left) stands to attention and (right) he and his brother Prince Henry, watched by the Princess of Wales, try a police motorcycle for size.

Commons sketch

Tam adds five to total of days lost

Over-reacting to the understandable disorientation they were feeling at having lived through a Tuesday that lasted well into Wednesday, members on all sides were taking time off to reassert their identities.

Cheery members became cheerier, sinister members became more sinister, angry members sought to explode and relatively normal members all but disappeared. It was as if the fancy dress party had become all the more grotesque for the guests being free to come as themselves.

It began quietly. Too quietly. Mr Nigel West, still posing as Mr Rupert Allason, Conservative Member of Parliament for Torbay, sat scribbling coded messages onto a tiny pad which he was later to insert into his top right hand pocket.

In front of him, Miss Edwina Currie, resplendent in blue and looking like a new and possibly unreliable member of the Royal Family, pouted her lips while chewing on a sucky sweet.

From the Democratic Unionists, the Rev William McCrea (Ulster Mid) went all out to lose the sympathy he gained after the Enniskillen murders by asserting omnisciently and with no proof whatsoever that none of the 11 victims wanted to be associated with the Anglo-Irish agreement. It was gratuitous and nasty. Everyone was back on form.

Even the toadying Government back-benchers seemed to toady more vigorously than ever. Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester) declared that the airline merger "was wholly consistent with Government policies on competition". Mr Kinnock disagreed. He asked the Prime Minister whether the future government policy on competition was simply the creation of private rather than public monopolies.

She replied that the Rt Hon Gentleman was obviously critical of the British Caledonian merger. "Answer the question! Answer the question! ANSWER THE QUESTION!", the Opposition yelled. "You're not giving her a chance", said the Speaker, a role played over the last couple of days by Miss Joyce Grenfell.

Mr Paul Boateng (Brent South), whose rare appearances in the Chamber seem mainly for the purpose of presenting his new initiatives in designer clothing for the approval of the House, lolled decoratively.

Only the Leader of the House, Mr John Wakeham, seemed to be behaving out of character. He was charming and even witty. Mr Dennis Skinner rose to remind Mr Wakeham of a letter he had written to him some time previously, in which he worried about Government allocation of money to the SDP. "If the rump of SDP supporters form a mutation, who will get the money — the official SDP or the Provisionals, who are currently represented at Sainsbury's supermarkets?"

Mr Wakeham declared that he wished to keep Mr Skinner's letter, "written in his own fair hand", to look back on in later life, but that he feared it gave him more problems than it offered to solve. "Have you got it round your neck then?" yelped Mr Skinner, always a trifle coarse.

And so it went on, the wind-changes of the past few days freezing members' faces in the silly expressions they had long been pulling. Mr Antony Marlow (Cons, Northampton North) kicked away at the Church of England for "fudge and funk", Mr Andrew Mackay (Cons Berkshire East) called for a debate on whether Vanessa Redgrave had sprung George Blake and Mr Geoffrey Dickens wished to "purge the pulpits of homosexuals". "What about the sanctity of married life?" snapped a quick-witted Labour member.

The afternoon closed with Mr Tam Dalyell being ordered from the precincts of the Palace of Westminster for five days, after calling the Prime Minister a liar. This will give me valuable time in which to prepare an apology to Mr Dalyell. I claimed in yesterday's column that he snoozed during a speech by Mr West. I was mistaken. Alas, were Mr Dalyell to call me a liar, he would have some justification, and I would be unable to order him to leave the House.

Craig Brown

Prince calls for new effort on homes

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The third annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by *The Times* and the Royal Institute of British Architects, was launched yesterday with a call by the Prince of Wales for special emphasis on housing for the homeless.

The Prince, patron of the scheme, sent a message saying that because the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless will end shortly, "we might be tempted to turn our attention away to other pressing needs".

But he went on: "I hope there will be even more entries in this category in 1987-88 so that the excellent work already under way is continued with equal vigour".

He drew special attention to the Derry Inner City and Lightmoor projects, winners of the top Charles Douglas-Home awards in the previous two years, which had set an extremely high standard.

"We should all be spurred on to even greater things as a result of their success", he said.

The scheme was started in 1985 to encourage local community involvement in the process of commissioning, designing and managing buildings of all types. More than 300 entries were received in the first two years.

Entry forms are available from:
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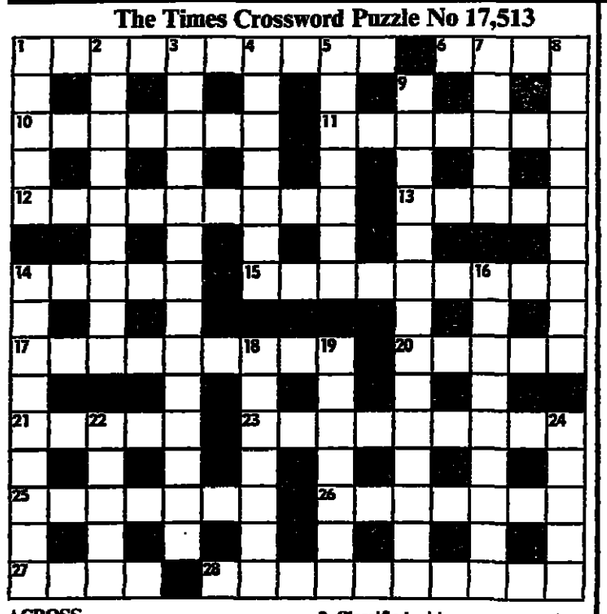
Mr Rod Hackney, chairman of the scheme and president of RIBA said: "This scheme has shown over the last two years that ordinary people can take control of their own situation and improve it. We, as professionals, should be encouraging this."

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is putting up prize money of £10,000 for the third year running.

Any type of building project is eligible, including housing, refurbishment and renovation, community centres, adventure playgrounds, urban farms, small business workshops and environmental improvements.

The closing date for entries is February 12, 1988.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,513



ACROSS
1 Hidden half of proverb (3,2,5).
6 Kind behaviour (4).
10 Was high-minded, like sanctimonious inner circle (7).
11 Kind that is wearing glasses (7).
12 Letters from maniac are in US collection (9).
13 Write to church, for change (5).
14 Fragment to drop right in the middle (5).
15 Cowed a multitude without point (3-6).
17 Like Flora's odd action in French dance (9).
20 Invariably archaic (5).
21 Steep around Beachy Head — keep out (5).
23 Bending with 19, a cause of ill-feeling (9).
25 Training unit to manoeuvre without one (7).
26 Excel in public works (7).
27 Flier able to defeat even ace (4).
28 In my case, one's deceived and left in error (10).

DOWN
1 Contents of some bar that is found in US city (5).
2 Classified with respect to variety (3,6).
3 Not allowed date, say, with object of desire? (9,5).
4 State of mind I analyse in part (7).
5 Behan character's call for attention on the boards (7).
7 Bulb I planted in mounting numbers (5).
8 Expert with solution that opens many doors (6-3).
9 Constant control sometimes used in drawing (9,5).
14 Newspaperman, one taking action without foundation (9).
16 It is customary to turn in wet when at sea (9).
18 Wine essential to BBC, roughly speaking (7).
19 Dropped right in this? No, no! (4,3).
22 Summary champion holds for somebody (5).
24 Biting cold (5).

Concise crossword, page 14

WEATHER

General situation: A deep low over north Scotland will move north-east, maintaining a strong and showery westerly airstream. South, east and north-east England and eastern Scotland will have sunshine and showers, some heavy, gradually becoming more isolated. For western Britain the showers will be more frequent, heavy and blustery; some may fall as snow over the mountains. North-east Scotland and the northern isles will have longer outbreaks of rain at first. Everywhere it will be windy again with gales over exposed coasts and hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Showers dying out on Saturday, but more wet and windy weather spreading eastwards Sunday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	21	70	Madrid	s	13	55
Akrotiri	s	23	73	Majorca	s	21	70
Alex'dria	f	23	73	Malaga	s	21	70
Algiers	s	22	72	Malta	f	21	70
Amst'dm	s	12	50	Melb'rne	s	17	63
Athens	th	16	61	Milan	c	11	52
Bahrain	s	25	77	Montreal*	f	0	32
Barcelna	f	20	68	Moscow	c	0	32
Belgrade	c	7	45	Munich	f	9	48
Berlin	r	10	50	Nairobi	c	21	70
Biarritz	c	14	57	Naples	s	18	64
Borde'x	c	13	55	N Delhi	s	28	82
Brussels	f	11	52	N York*	sn	1	34
Budapst	fg	4	39	Nice	f	16	61
Cairo	s	25	77	Oslo	r	2	36
Cape Tn	s	26	79	Paris	f	11	52
C'blanca	s	19	66	Peking	s	13	55
Chicago*	f	6	43	Perth	s	28	82
Ch'church	f	22	72	Prague	f	9	48
Cologne	r	9	48	Reykjvk	s	2	36
C'phagn	r	8	46	Rhodes	f	18	64
Corfu	f	19	66	Rio de J	f	25	77
Dublin	r	7	45	Riyadh	s	28	82
Dubrovnik	s	19	66	Rome	s	19	66
Faro	s	17	63	Salzbrg	c	10	50
Florence	c	15	59	Seoul	f	3	37
Frankfurt	r	9	48	Sing'por	f	31	88
Funchal	c	19	66	St'kholm	r	4	39
Geneva	c	11	52	Strasb'rg	c	9	48
Gibraltar	s	21	70	Sydney	f	18	64
Helsinki	c	2	36	Tangier	s	19	66
Hong K	c	26	79	Tel aviv	s	24	75
Innsbruck	f	9	48	Tenerife	s	23	73
Istanbul	f	15	59	Tokyo	c	21	70
Jeddah	s	32	90	Tunis	f	22	72
Karachi	s	29	84	Valencia	s	20	68
L Palmas	f	23	73	Venice	s	12	54
Le Touet	f	11	52	Vienna	f	8	48
Lisbon	f	17	63	Warsaw	f	9	48
Locarno	s	10	50	Wash'ton*	th	-1	30
L Angels*	s	25	77	Wel'ton	s	15	59
Luxmbg	f	7	45	Zurich	c	10	50

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	2.7	-	9	48	sunny
Cromer	6.7	.18	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	4.4	.37	8	46	bright
Clacton	5.4	.81	9	48	sunny
Southend	7.2	.71	8	46	sunny
Folkestone	4.9	.90	11	52	shower
Eastbourne	2.9	1.26	11	52	thundr
Brighton	2.5	.91	10	50	shower
Littlehmptn	4.0	.65	11	52	hail
Sandown	-	.97	11	52	thundr
Bournemth	4.6	.39	10	50	shower
Swanage	4.2	.52	11	52	shower
Exmouth	4.3	.27	11	52	hail
Torquay	5.7	.25	11	52	hail
Falmouth	3.0	.47	9	48	shower
Penzance	3.6	.47	11	52	hail
Scilly Isles	3.2	.54	11	52	gale
Jersey	2.4	1.17	11	52	hail
Newquay	3.4	.56	11	52	shower
Plymouth	-	.44	12	54	shower
B'pool Airpt	1.5	.18	9	48	shower
Morecambe	-	.24	9	48	rain
Douglas	-	.06	8	46	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	5.5	.02	8	46	shower
Bristol (Cit'l)	2.5	.33	9	48	thundr
Carlisle	0.2	.40	8	46	shower
London	4.2	.24	10	50	bright
Manchester	3.7	.02	9	48	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.0	-	8	46	bright
Nottingham	5.1	.04	8	46	shower
Anglesey	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff (Cit'l)	1.8	.44	9	48	hail
Colwyn Bay	2.8	.06	10	50	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.0	.08	6	43	shower
Aviemore	1.3	.05	7	45	shower
Edinburgh	0.3	.09	7	45	shower
Glasgow	-	.56	8	46	shower
Kinloss	4.4	-	7	45	sunny
Lerwick	0.3	.43	7	45	hail
Prestwick	-	.26	9	48	rain
Stornoway	5.2	.13	8	46	sunny
Tiree	1.8	.80	11	52	hail
Wick	7.1	.30	7	45	sunny
Belfast	-	.31	7	45	shower

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.56	5.8	6.46	5.8
Aberdeen	6.25	3.3	6.18	3.4
Avonmouth	11.12	9.5	11.53	9.9
Belfast	4.03	2.8	4.19	3.1
Cardiff	10.57	8.9	11.38	9.4
Devonport	9.59	4.5	10.40	4.1
Dover	3.24	5.5	3.57	5.0
Falmouth	9.29	4.3	10.10	3.9
Glasgow	5.23	4.0	5.13	4.5
Harwich	3.48	3.2	4.34	3.2
Holyhead	3.04	4.2	3.19	4.4
Hull	11.06	5.3	11.04	5.6
Ilfracombe	10.26	6.8	11.09	6.4
Leith	7.36	4.3	7.57	4.3
Liverpool	3.42	7.1	4.04	7.2
Lowestoft	1.35	2.2	3.15	2.0
Margate	4.09	4.0	4.59	3.9
Milford Haven	10.52	5.2	11.33	4.9
Newquay	9.49	5.3	10.32	5.0
Oban	10.19	3.0	11.09	2.8
Penzance	9.11	4.5	9.55	4.1
Portland	10.18	1.6	11.35	1.3
Portsmouth	4.06	3.9	4.17	3.7
Shoreham	3.32	4.9	3.53	4.6
Southampton	3.39	3.6	3.45	3.5
Swansea	10.52	7.3	11.29	6.9
Tees	8.50	4.1	8.56	4.3
W'ton-on-Naze	3.49	3.4	4.40	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

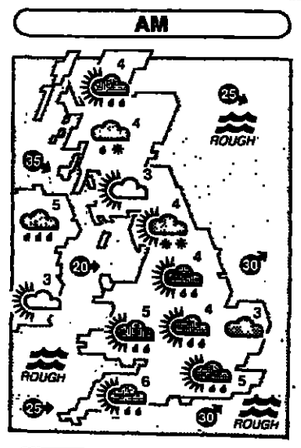
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.63	2.50
Austria Sch	21.75	20.65
Belgium Fr	64.85	61.65
Canada $	2.405	2.285
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.35
Finland Mkk	7.64	7.24
France Fr	10.45	9.95
Germany Dm	3.08	2.93
Greece Dr	275	245
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.165	1.103
Italy Lire	2270	2150
Japan Yen	250	238
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.85	11.20
Portugal Esc	253	238
South Africa Rd	4.40	3.70
Spain Pta	207.75	196.75
Sweden Kr	11.18	10.63
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.41
USA $	1.84	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	2250	1850

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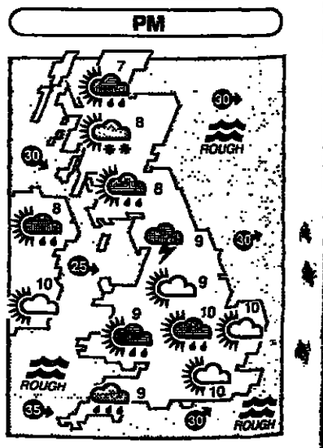
Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September).

London: The *FT* index closed up 38.8 at 1329.8.

AM



PM



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	7	45	Guernsey	f	10	50
B'mngham	f	8	43	Inverness	f	7	45
Blackpool	c	9	48	Jersey	r	9	48
Bristol	r	7	45	London	f	9	48
Cardiff	f	9	48	M'chester	s	7	45
Edinburgh	f	7	45	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	r	6	43	R'nldsway	r	8	45

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.24in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 990.7 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.024in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.7 hr.

Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon sets 1.42 pm
Moon rises 10.59 pm
Last Quarter 2.38 pm

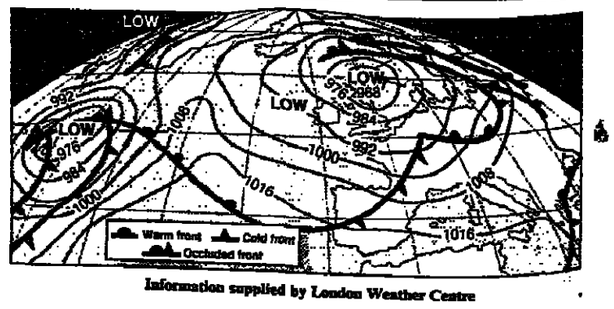
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Tynemouth, 1.43 in; highest sunshine: Wick, Highland, 3.0 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

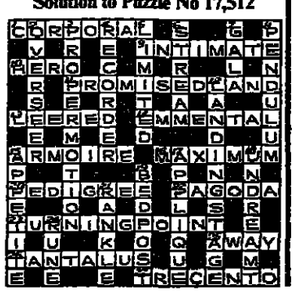
London 4.45 pm to 6.46 am
Bristol 4.55 pm to 6.55 am
Edinburgh 4.40 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 4.46 pm to 7.02 am
Penzance 5.11 pm to 7.03 am

NOON TODAY



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Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 90 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 45; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 55c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 1.00; USA $2.00; Yugoslavia Din 1,000.

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1328.8 (+38.8)

FT-SE 100
1702.5 (+63.2)

Bargains
56334 (39730)

USM (Datastream)
139.06 (+8.34)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7625 (–0.0170)

W German mark
2.9813 (+0.0006)

Trade-weighted
75.3 (–0.1)

Whitehall sets up BP helpline

The Government has established a telephone helpline for the 270,000 individuals who purchased shares in the ill-fated BP privatization issue. Callers will be able to make inquiries about the letters of allotment and the Bank of England's buy-back scheme.

It is not, however, intended for advice on whether investors should hold their shares. The line will be open from 8am to 8pm, from Monday to Saturday. The telephone number is 0272 277000.

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Royal advance

Royal Insurance, Britain's largest composite insurer, made pretax profits of £259 million in the nine months to end-September, a 34 per cent increase. US profits rose to £114.6 million from £81.6 million and in Britain they rose to £63.7 million from £56.8 million.

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In tomorrow's *Family Money* we examine the Abbey National's new habit of challenging the high street banks, and tell how unit trusts are poised to become even riskier.

Shearson staff

Shearson Lehman Brothers International has appointed Mr Geoff Chamberlain as chief operating officer of UK equities; Mr Roger Streeter head of British equity market making; and Mr Bob Cathrey chief of sales trading.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1982.70 (+83.50)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 21546.50 (+509.74)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2150.87 (+104.69)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... n/a
Sydney: AO ..... 1205.0 (+55.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1361.9 (+85.5)
Brussels:
General ..... 3751.4 (–90.2)
Paris: CAC ..... 284.5 (–7.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... n/a
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 849.35 (+31.52)
FT.– "500" ..... 937.74 (+34.19)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 282.6 (+14.0)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 95.66 (+0.55)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 91.14 (+0.15)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
ICI ..... 1108p (+82p)
Glaxo ..... 1113p (+70p)
Shell ..... 1020p (+55p)
Cookson Group ..... 473p (+27p)
Pilkington ..... 327p (+32p)
Benlox Holdings ..... 60p (+22p)
Beecham ..... 456p (+26p)
Costain ..... 254p (+20p)
Portals Holdings ..... 245p (+45p)
TI Group ..... 283p (+30p)
Tomkinsons ..... 390p (+50p)
Yale Valor ..... 233p (+28p)
Kwik Fit ..... 180p (+28p)
Tie Rack ..... 115p (+21p)
BOC Group ..... 356p (+23p)
BAT Industries ..... 468p (+23p)
Wellcome ..... 349p (+45p)

FALLS:
Jacksons Bourne ..... 335p (–30p)
Thames TV ..... 278p (–15p)
Royal Insurance ..... 380p (–8p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9-8 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8¾-8⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.83-5.82%*
30-year bonds 100 8/32-100 5/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7625	£: $1.7585*
£: DM2.9813	$: DM1.6975*
£: SwFr2.4508	$: SwFr1.3960*
£: FFr10.0903	$: FFr5.7525*
£: Yen239.44	$: Yen136.40*
£: Index:75.3	$: Index:96.8
ECU £0.692581	SDR £0.758508

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $463.00 pm-$462.45
close $463.25-463.75 (£262.00-262.50)
New York:
Comex $462.90-463.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $18.00bbl ($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Dollar and shares rise as monthly deficit falls

Improved US trade figures lift markets

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Improved US trade figures, now the most closely watched economic barometer, boosted share prices on Wall Street and caused the dollar to rise sharply on world markets yesterday.

Relieved traders, concerned that an increase in the September deficit would cause financial markets to collapse, said the reduced deficit of $14.08 billion (£8 billion), down from $15.68 billion in August, had given markets a "breathing space". Analysts had estimated that the deficit would range from $14 billion to $16.6 billion in September.

The new data were released as White House and Congressional negotiators reported that they were close to announcing the broad outlines of a deficit-reduction agreement. The agreement, to reduce the deficit by an estimated $32 billion, was expected to include tax increases of no less than $10 billion.

But officials involved in the talks said the negotiators in their deliberations on a broad outline, had decided to leave the details, the tough decisions on specific taxes and levels of expediture cuts for individual programmes, to the tax and appropriations committees in Congress. This could add weeks to the process. These committees in the past have rejected proposals similar to those under discussion.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said yesterday the President wanted a compromise similar to the $30 billion proposal made by House Republicans.

Analysts said yesterday that it was unclear whether world markets would be satisified by a proposal that did not specify details. It was also unclear whether the other industrialized countries would agree that enough progress had been made on the deficit to convene another meeting of the Group of Seven countries.

The new trade figures, the lowest monthly deficit since last May, revealed an improved pattern of rising exports and falling imports, largely due to a substantial 16.3 per cent decline in the value of petroluem imports last month. Exports of manufactured goods rose to $21 billion, from $20.2 billion the month before, while imports declined to $35.1 billion from $35.9 billion.

For the year as a whole, however, the deficit continues to grow at a record pace of $166.9 billion. Some economists fear the US trade deficit cannot be corrected without inducing a world recession. This could be averted if Europe and Japan, which have a combined gross national product nearly double that of the US, agree to play a greatly enhanced role, according to Mr Stephen Marris, a senior fellow of the Institute for International Economics.

But confusion remains over the direction of US policy and the position of the US Federal Reserve Board. President Reagan said this week he did not want a further fall in the dollar but Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, said the US is now pursuing a new policy of lower interest rates.

At some point, if the dollar continues to plunge, the Fed is likely to come to its defence to preserve investor confidence, analysts said.

Rally lifts FT index over 1,700

By Michael Clark

Share prices on the London stock market yesterday managed to extend this week's rally, helped by better-than-expected US trade figures.

The FT-SE 100 again topped the 1,700 level with a rise of 63.2 at 1,702.5. The narrower FT Index finished 38.8 up at 1,328.8.

Share prices are now trading at their cheapest levels for almost 12 years compared with the gilt market.

Government securities also recovered from a hesitant start, reversing earlier falls of £½.

The dollar rose strongly, backed by the improved US trade figures and hopes of an early budget agreement in Washington. It rose by nearly two pfennigs to DM1.6915 in New York to $1.7625 and the sterling index slipped 0.1 to 75.3.

Shares crash making Bank cautious on further rate cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bank of England, in its first assessment of the economy since the stock market crash, says base rates were cut because the crash dampened growth and inflation prospects, and because of the need to restore confidence.

But there is no hint in the Bank's analysis that there will be a further sharp fall in British interest rates by the end of the year.

The Bank's *Quarterly Bulletin*, published last night, says that the equity market fall helped solve the dilemma in monetary policy.

Before the crash, strong growth in the domestic money supply measures pointed to a cautious approach to interest rates, the Bank said, while the pound's rise against the mark argued for cutting rates.

The stock market fall implied a tightening of monetary conditions by raising the cost of equity capital to firms and, through the wealth effect, by reducing consumption in Britain.

Base rates were reduced on October 23 and November 4 for this reason, alongside, according to the Bank, "the desirability of imparting a calming influence to financial markets."

But with the pound no longer pushing up towards the DM3 level, the equity market recovering and the British economy expected to continue to grow at more than the average of the other Group of Seven countries, the Bank is likely to adopt a cautious approach to further interest rate reductions.

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Interest rates, both short and long, had risen earlier in the year in response to inflationary worries, the Bulletin says. The deflationary effects of the stock market fall have made it appropriate for the world's monetary authorities "to adopt a supportive stance" by reversing the earlier interest rate increases.

Further international action is urged now, with the emphasis on fiscal policy, action that is wider than reductions in the US budget deficit alone.

The Bank's world economy forecasts are for growth in the main six overseas countries – the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy and Canada – of 2.3 per cent next year and 2.2 per cent in 1989, after 2.6 per cent this year.

World inflation is forecast to rise to 3.8 per cent next year and 4 per cent in 1989, after 3 per cent this year.

BOC protects against fluctuations in dollar



Down in the salary stakes: Richard Giordano

By Colin Campbell

The BOC Group of gas and health care companies relieved stock market doubts about currency movements yesterday with the assurance that it has protected itself against violent dollar fluctuations.

Mr Richard Giordano, once Britain's highest paid executive, said that BOC had taken forward cover in respect of expected dollar earnings this current financial year.

He also hinted that BOC was in an acquisition mood, suggesting that recent stock market weakness had uncovered opportunities.

The net effect was to encourage stock market analysts, who had earlier trimmed their profit expectations by up to £15 million because of the group's dollar exposure, and the shares rose by 23p to 356p.

Pretax profits of the BOC Group for the year ended September 30 were £263.2 million compared with £213.4 million, and would have been £16 million higher but for exchange rate movements, on a turnover of £1.96 billion

The final dividend rises from 6.42p to 7.65p a share, making a year's total payment of 12.8p (10.79p).

Mr Giordano, whose salary fell by 12.5 per cent to £772,800 from £883,200 in the 1986 financial year and who has now been overtaken in the salary stakes by others, conceeded yesterday that his salary had fallen again in sterling terms for 1987.

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Wellcome ahead to £169m

By Carol Ferguson

Better than expected profits yesterday made Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, one of the best performing stocks in a firm market. The shares rose 42p to 346p.

Turnover rose 13 per cent to £1.1 billion, mainly due to significantly higher sales of Zovirax, the anti-viral drug used in the treatment of herpes. Sales of Zovirax rose £55 million to £160 million.

The much-increased sales of Zovirax caused pretax profits to rise 35 per cent to £169 million. The Coopers Animal Health group of companies also helped by turning last year's £9.7 million loss into a £5.3 million profit.

A final dividend of 2p was declared to give a total for the year of 2.81p net.

Sales of Retrovir, the Aids drug, were £16 million. Since British approval for Retrovir in March, its first approval in the world, it now has product licences in 33 countries and the drug is being sold all over Europe.

In anticipation of an explosion in demand, Wellcome has greatly expanded its manufacturing capacity and has built up stocks of Retrovir. However Wellcome's chairman, Mr Alfred Shepperd, said that he expected to secure a higher level of profit from Retrovir this year but he was unwilling to put a figure on the sales

He said that Wellcome had spent £17 million in Britain and $10 million (£5.7 million) in the US expanding manufacturing

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Capital adequacy key to the crash

By Colin Narbrough

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, yesterday said capital adequacy would be a key issue in inquiries by the regulatory authorities here and abroad into the crash on the world's stock markets.

In remarks to a London symposium organized by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, he said that after the top-level inquiry launched into the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, a number of commissions were likely to be set up in the United States and in other main financial centres.

The response of SIB, the chief watchdog for the new City regulatory framework, would be "reactive", he said, without committing it to a fully fledged commission, or big investigation.

He expected a demand for improved international arrangements concerning capital adequacy for the markets in securities, futures and options, which did not have the international co-operation already enjoyed by banking.

As banking and securities were now so close in terms of capital adequacy, the regulatory arrangements had to be looked at "hand-in-hand", he said.

However he underlined that establishing adequacy rules for securities was much more complex than for banking.

Inquiries into how markets withstood Black Monday and its aftermath would come in response to demands for "public accountability" from exchanges and regulators. They would be called on to explain why markets went wrong, whether they were properly organized, or whether computer-trading played a role.

"The capital adequacy issue will be one of the major questions", Sir Kenneth said. The SIB would have to look at liquidity requirements



Major question: Sir Kenneth

CBI fears rise in power cost

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Increases in electricity prices now under discussion could add more than £1 billion a year to business costs, Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said

Mr Banham's comments follow the strong condemnation of power price increases at last week's annual conference of the CBI in Glasgow.

He said he had been reassured by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, this week that the Government did not intend higher charges to be passed on to high energy consumers. However that still left important questions. Mr Banham was addressing the electricity industry's national joint co-ordinating council in London.

● British Gas could be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission over its pricing for industrial users, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday in Innsbruck, Austria, after addressing the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents.

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NatWest and Barclays reduce mortgage rates

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The two largest mortgage lenders among the high street banks, National Westminster and Barclays, yesterday cut their mortgage rates by up to 1 per cent in response to the recent fall in interest rates. Other clearing banks are likely to follow suit in the next few days.

NatWest dropped its home loan rate by one percentage point from 11.25 per cent to 10.25 per cent, effective immediately for new borrowers and from December 1 for existing borrowers. Barclays is cutting its rates for new and existing borrowers from December 1 by 0.95 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

A 1 per cent cut in mortgage rates means a monthly saving of around £15 on a £30,000 mortgage net of basic rate tax relief, with repayments each month dropping from £226.35 to £211.54.

With more than £5 billion on loan to 160,000 home buyers, NatWest is the largest mortgage lender among the banks, although Barclays is not far behind with £4.5 billion. Mr Roger Flemington, general manager of NatWest's domestic banking division, said: "By moving today we are ensuring that customers will receive the benefit of the lower repayments in time for Christmas."

The Household Mortgage Corporation, one of the handful of specialist home loan companies, also announced a cut of 0.75 per cent to 10.15 per cent, with effect from January 1 for all borrowers.

The mortgage rate cuts come a week after Halifax and Abbey National, Britain's two largest building societies, cut their rates by 1 per cent.

New signature on Bank of England notes

The Bank of England announced yesterday that Mr David Somerset, whose signature appears on all English banknotes in circulation, is retiring as Chief Cashier of the Bank on March 1, 1988. He will be replaced by Mr Malcolm Gill, aged 53, who is head of the Bank's foreign exchange division.

Mr Somerset has held the position of Chief Cashier and chief of the banking department at the Bank since 1982. Mr Gill's signature will not start appearing on banknotes until early in March next year, the Bank said.

Mr Gill is being succeeded by Mr Michael Foot in the foreign exchange division.

Investors are attracted by 'a company of the future'

City poised to back Eurotunnel

By Michael Tate

The City is today expected to tell the Eurotunnel operators that it will secure the remaining cash needed to finance the building of the Channel tunnel. Institutional investors will commit themselves verbally to underwriting the £350 million expected to be sought in Britain, prior to signing on the dotted line on Monday.

Two factors are likely to have swayed waverers. The first is the apparent enthusiasm for the issue by individual investors, as measured by a survey published yesterday; the second is the sharp recovery in share prices and market sentiment generally in the latter part of the week.

According to the survey, conducted on Thursday and Friday last week, some 574,000 small investors, or 1.4 per cent of the population, are "certain to buy" Eurotunnel shares. A further 2.87 million, or 7 per cent, are "likely to buy," the survey, undertaken by Eurotunnel adviser Dewe Rogerson, adds.

However, investors' priorities appear to be different this time. Recent pre-privatization probes have suggested that for many applicants the main priority has been to make a quick profit.

But the main reasons cited for investing in Eurotunnel are enthusiasm for the Channel tunnel project in principle and the prospect of investing in "a company of the future".

The survey's findings appear to be backed by the experience of the Eurotunnel share information office, which has received more than 550,000 inquiries, more than any other flotation except TSB, British Gas and BP. And yet Eurotunnel is attempting to raise far less than any of these three.

Past experience suggests that between 40 and 50 per cent of those who register with the office can be expected to invest. However, private investors are unlikely to be allotted much more than half the shares available to the British market, at best some £200 million of shares.

But if the survey's findings are correct, and the average investment is £1,000, private investors alone will be putting up close on £600 million.

Assuming that the international market takes around £70 million of the total £770 million issue – and that was going smoothly yesterday, despite the withdrawal of Canadian broker Wood Gundy from the underwriting, after its horrendous losses on the BP issue – the British market will have only £350 million to play with. And SG Warburg, the merchant bank handling the issue, has promised between £100 million and £170 million in firm placings with the institutions.

It remains one of the paradoxes of this issue that the more the institutions ask for, the less is likely to be made available to them. This is because institutional support has grown in response to evidence of popularity with the public. But servicing the public requirement comes first. If the issue is oversubscribed, investors' names will go into the hat.

It is the perks – the company will offer a free trip to the Continent every year for 10 years for each £1,750 invested – that will be used to sell the shares over the offer period that begins with the publication of the prospectus on Wednesday.

Closing date for applications will be November 27, and first dealings are scheduled to take place on December 10, an unusually lengthy time lag, to accommodate the variations in the French system of selling shares.

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STOCK MARKET

Index jumps as recovery continues

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Share prices rose in London for the third consecutive trading session yesterday, a feat that would have looked impossible on Monday when the general mood was one of gloom and despondency.

Market-makers opened share prices higher at the outset, paying further heed to the positive assessment of the market given by Mr Ian Harwood, equity economist at Warburg Securities, the securities house, on Wednesday.

Thereafter, prices continued to rise as institutions picked up cheap stock. News of the better-than-expected US trade figures, hopes of an imminent statement on reducing the American trade deficit, and a crop of impressive corporate results set the seal on the market's recovery.

● *There is no sign of a recession at Blue Arrow. That was the message to fund managers at a County NatWest seminar yesterday. The group still earns 65 per cent of its profits outside the US. Tony Berry, chairman, has forecast £20 million for the year just ended.*

Dealers were able to sit back and witness, somewhat contentedly, a rise of 84.3 points on the FT-SE 100 index at about 3pm and an early gain yesterday of more than 40 points in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street.

Prices, however, did boil over with some operators taking profits before the close of business. The FT-SE 100 index eventually closed the session 63.2 points higher at 1,702.5, for a three-day recovery of 137.3. The FT index of 30 shares closed 38.8 up at 1,328.8.

Dollar-earners were again in the vanguard of the advance. *Imperial Chemical Industries* rose by 62p to £11.08, Glaxo recovered a further 70p at £11.13 and BAT advanced 20p to 465p.

Gilts proved volatile, replacing early falls of 5/8 with gains ranging to nearly £½. The recovery owed much to revived interest rate optimism.

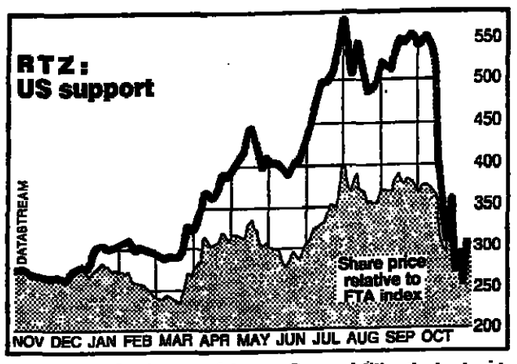
RTZ, the mining finance house, ran into a few cheap buyers to end the day 37p higher at 310p – for a two-day rise of 57p – as more than 4 million shares changed hands. RTZ has been one of the worst performers among the top 100 shares during the past few weeks but went some way to repairing the damage yesterday.

The shares are now considered cheap by a number of leading broking firms. There were early signs of US support for the shares yesterday. The group has started to enjoy some of the benefits of a firmer copper price. Earlier this year the shares hit a peak of 580p.

Its rival, Consolidated Gold Fields, also ran into renewed support, climbing 57p to 810p. Its shares have also been hit badly by the shakeout but appear to have over-reacted to the crisis.

Some of the recent takeover favourites were up and running with Pearson, the *Financial Times* to Lazard Brothers merchant bank conglomerate, jumping 40p to 605p. Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International paid 920p a share for a near 15 per cent stake before the crash and hopes are now high that he will make the most of the weakness in the share price to again top up his holding.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, where Goodman Fielder owns about 20 per cent of the shares, firmed 10p to 295p. Dealers are now hoping Goodman might contemplate making a full bid for the rest of the shares.



Hopes of increased pre-Christmas consumer spending as a result of the reduction in clearing bank mortgage rates and the belief that this will soon be followed by a further cut in base lending rates to 8.5 per cent gave the leading retailers a fillip.

Great Universal Stores 'A' jumped 42p to £11.84 and Ratners firmed 11p to 245p. Next raced up 21p to 289p. Mr Zak Keshavjee, stores analyst at Savory Milln, the broker, is keen on Next. The company is trading strongly, high street sales are up 30 per cent and the mail order business is also performing well.

Storehouse, the BHS, Habitat Mothercare, Richards and Heal's group headed by Sir Terence Conran, jumped 16p to 258p, after 263p, as nearly 5 million shares changed hands.

News that the audacious all-paper offer from Benlox, the mini-industrial conglomerate, had been given the green light by the Monopolies Commission induced early speculative support, but the later announcement that Mr Norman Parkinson, the ex-Woolworth director, had joined forces with Benlox, and would be appointed managing director of Storehouse if the bid is successful, gave the rise fresh impetus.

Buyers also came for Benlox on the view that Mr Parkinson's appointment strengthens its bid position and the shares closed with a rise of 17p at 55p, after 61p.

Prior to the Benlox offer, Sir Terence Conran rejected a 445p cash offer from Mountleigh, the property group run by Mr Tony Clegg.

Sykes-Pickavant, a Lancashire-based hand tools manufacturer which has its origins in the 1920s as a supplier of accesories and components for the Model T Ford, made a confident start on the Unlisted Securities Market.

The shares, placed at 114p by Albert E Sharp, the broker, opened at 115p and improved steadily to close at 120p, for an opening premium of 6p.

Control Securities, the property to leisure company headed by Mr Nazmu Virani, whose price collapsed from the 125p level to 30p at one time during the market crash, was showing signs of a strong recovery yesterday, closing 5p higher at 47.5p.

Mr Virani turned the company round from a troubled fourth division property into a healthy big league player in the space of about 20 months via a series of deals through which he swapped equity stakes for property portfolios. As a result of those deals, sizeable stakes are held in Control by Heron Corporation (4.9 per cent), Mountleigh (8 per cent) and London & Edinburgh Trust (5.6 per cent).

Control last week revealed interim results with a turnover of £8 million against £10.9 million with pretax profits up from £1 million to £1.5 million, while Mr Virani said he hoped to restore dividend payments by the end of the year.

However, whispers in the market yesterday suggested that a bid for the group was on the way.

Control's big-name stake holders, Mr Gerald Ronson and Mr Tony Clegg, not happy at seeing the value of their stake fall so sharply, were looking for a way out.

The word is that the exit door has been opened by Mr John Duggan's Phoenix Properties & Finance which has made an approach to them for their stakes and is on the verge of launching a full-scale cash offer of 80p per share for the rest. Phoenix closed 13p higher at 100p.

● LandLeisure, the property and leisure group headed by Mr Peter de Savary, and formerly known as Alfred Walker, held steady at 205p. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, has switched from a "sell" to a "hold" and is forecasting pretax profits of £17 million against £150,000.

Marina Development, the USM-listed boating and leisure company, which soared to 700p after it was boarded by a concert party, including Local London Group in June who bought control from Mr Robin Aisher, the yachtsman, and others for 125p per share, rebounded 65p to 278p.

The market's collapse hit speculative favourites like Marina the hardest, but recently Mr David Heimann, the chairman, reassured shareholders that the company was in good shape, adding that "we have net cash in the bank and that is not a bad position to be in."

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	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,152	Coats	1,404	Land Sec	1,874	Rowntree	2,056
Allid-Lyons	2,537	CU	6,064	Laporte	214	Royal Bank	435
Amstrad	2,154	Cons Gold	1,166	L&G	1,325	Royal Ins	1,974
ASDA	15,637	Cookson	651	Lloyds	3,450	Saatchi	5,141
AB Foods	624	Courtaulds	2,657	Lonrho	2,365	Sainsbury	3,198
Argyll	3,438	Dalgety	181	Lucas	1,251	Scot & N	885
BAA	7,079	Dee	5,582	Magnet	531	Sears	2,882
BET	4,852	Dixons	3,568	M&S	5,922	Sedgwick	2,751
BTR	3,798	ECC	871	Maxwell Cm	7,702	Shell	2,727
BAT	6,748	Enterprise	77	MEPC	516	Smith & N	6,155
Barclays	1,754	Ferranti	3,447	Metal Box	1,958	STC	3,841
Bass	1,072	Fisons	7,023	Midland	1,857	Stan Chart	1,081
Beecham	4,960	Gen Acc	727	NatWest	1,699	Storehse	4,922
Beazer	906	GEC	30,477	Next	3,817	Sun Alnce	461
BICC	1,110	Glaxo	5,267	Nth Food	1,260	T & N	1,412
Blue Arrow	6,162	Globe	730	P&O	503	Tarmac	3,352
Blue Circle	2,984	Granada	713	Pearl	668	Tate & Lyle	481
BOC	4,748	Grand Met	6,286	Pearson	1,117	TSB	7,547
Boots	3,629	GUS 'A'	396	Pilkington	9,316	Tesco	5,185
BPB	536	GRE	859	Plessey	4,845	Thorn EMI	3,306
Br Aero	8,593	GKN	2,047	Prudential	1,126	Trafalgar	6,829
Br Airways	7,381	Guinness	5,884	Racal	9,313	THF	4,079
Br Comm	2,395	Hamm 'A'	1,135	Rk Hovis	892	Ultramar	2,432
Br Gas	17,904	Hanson	9,883	Rank	1,137	Unigate	721
Br Petrol	13,490	Hawker	2,507	R&C	283	Unilever	1,426
Br Telecm	20,515	Hawley	1,848	Redland	1,367	United Bis	3,026
Britoil	4,751	Hillsdown	4,816	Reed	4,561	Utd News	249
Bunzl	2,415	IMI	575	Reuters	3,727	Wellcome	4,630
Burmah	1,224	ICI	5,908	RMC Gp	923	Whitbrd	1,338
Burton	5,623	Jaguar	5,786	RTZ	4,283	Wills Fab	897
C&W	8,583	Lasmo	2,415	R-Royce	16,105	Woolworth	1,662
Cadbury	3,030	Ladbroke	5,722	Rothmn 'B'	652	Equities page 38	

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Dual strength Wellcome

It is practically impossible to discuss Wellcome without the discussion being taken over, willy-nilly, by the subject of Aids.

But if it is Aids sentiment which is driving the share price, last year's results have shown that it is the anti-viral Zovirax which is propelling profits forward.

Zovirax, the treatment for herpes launched in 1983, is the first of Wellcome's drugs to exceed $100 million (£57 million) of sales in the United States. Total world sales of Zovirax last year increased by a half to £160 million, taking it to 14 per cent of turnover.

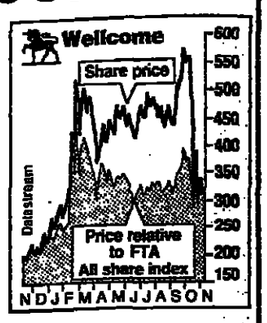
In its various formulations, the drug is penetrating the market on a broad front, increasing both its territories and the range of conditions for which it has approval. It can be used intravenously, directly on the skin as an ointment for instance for cold sores, or taken in oral form.

One difficulty in forecasting the potential market for Zovirax is the unreliability of figures for the incidence of herpes genitalis. Estimates range from 5 million to 20 million. Another is that it is also proving effective against other viral infections such as shingles. It may also prove efficacious used in combination with Retrovir in the treatment of Aids.

But it is the Aids drug, Retrovir, that lies behind Wellcome's phenomenal market rating. Last year, sales were just £16 million, and profits were negligible, but with no real alternative Aids treatment available, and the prospect of a vaccine as distant as ever, the potential is clearly vast, and apparently growing all the time.

It is in recognition of this that Wellcome has created stockpiles of the drug in the United Kingdom and the US and significantly stepped up its manufacturing capability.

Analysts are looking for pretax profits this year to rise to about £210 million. Despite a 37 per cent fall in the Wellcome share price in the last four weeks, the prospective multiple is still 23. There is no rush to buy.



Royal

Royal's third quarter profits undershot analysts' expectations and the shares eased 10p to 378p.

Royal's greater exposure to the United States helped profits power ahead of the competition last year, but is now proving something of a brake. Third quarter US profits fell to £33.4 million from £48.6 million, because of property and weather losses and some hefty reserving on workers' compensation and general liability business.

Rate rises on the highly profitable commercial multi-peril lines are coming to an end, but still rose 8 per cent in the third quarter. The dollar's weakening contributed to a £9.3 million adverse currency movement.

In the United Kingdom Royal has already clocked up £80 million of weather losses from last winter and expects to pay out a further £80 million in the fourth quarter as a result of October's storms. It has virtually no reinsurance cover on its weather losses.

Solvency was down to 54 per cent two days ago due to the stock market fall, but remains very comfortable.

Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, is shaving back its full-year forecasts to £325 million this year and £500 million next year on dollar considerations. The shares are still only trading on five times next year's earnings. With an asset backing of 432p per share and expectations of a continued generous dividend policy, Royal looks seriously undervalued.

Bank of Ireland up £18m

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Bank of Ireland yesterday announced a sharp increase in interim pretax profits of Irf20 million (£18 million), from Irf39.3 million to Irf59.3 million, despite an extraordinary provision of Irf23 million against loan losses in Latin America.

The increase to end-September was from a strong performance in treasury projects and the group's expanded operations in Britain. Particularly sharp rises occurred in Bank of Ireland Home Mortgages, the United Kingdom home loans subsidiary, where income surged to Irf9 million (nil).

Bank of Ireland loans to Latin America amounted to about £100 million and the extra provision brought loan loss cover up to 28 per cent.

There is an interim dividend of 4p compared with 3p last year, and the group expects to pay a final dividend of 11.75p.

BOC on lookout

The BOC Group sent out two distinct signals yesterday, the net effect of which was to see its share price – a heavy casualty in the Great Crash – bounce like a ball.

They were in the 19 per cent year-on-year dividend increase, which infers that management is confident that earnings are sustainable; and that it has been shrewd enough to cover itself on the currency front.

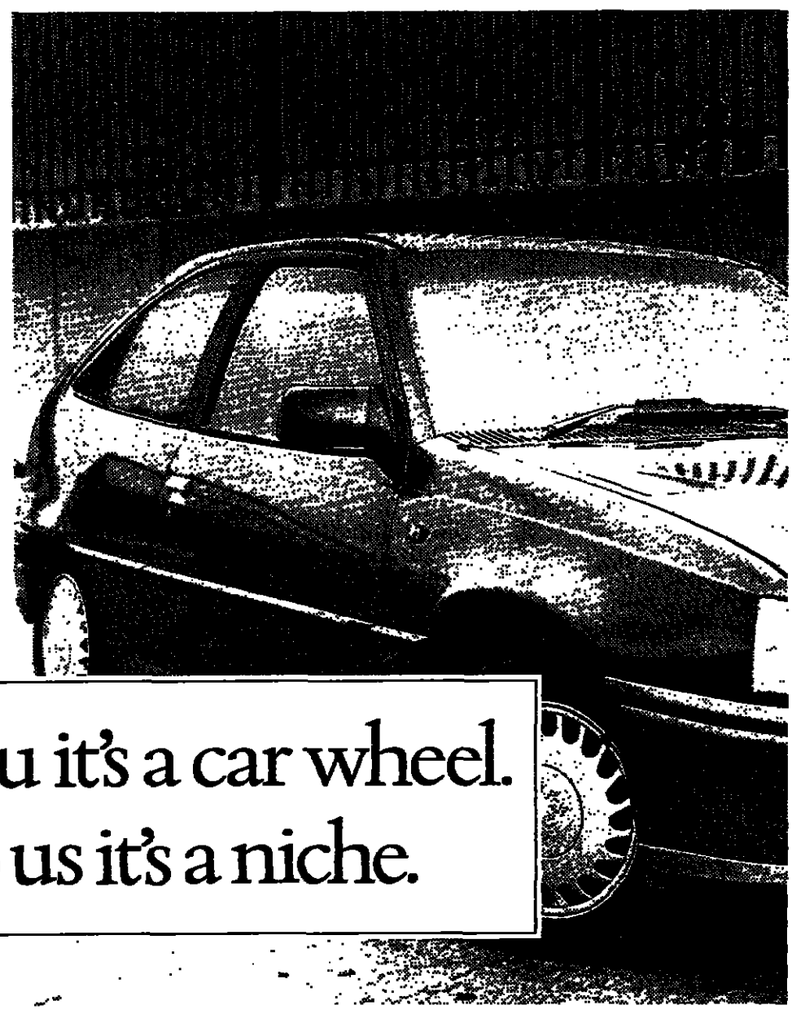
Frights about dollar exposure saw BOC heavily penalized in recent weeks. Had BOC adopted a forward cover policy in the year ended September 30, then results would have been £16 million higher.

So now that the air has been cleared about exchange movement worries, analysts have warmed once again to the shares, and are generally expecting profits to nudge the £290 million mark in the current year.

The year ended September, with pretax profits up from £213.4 million to £263.2 million, was not without pain. Superficially disappointing were the results of the health care division – virtually flat at the operating level, though 12 per cent up adjusting for currencies – but offset by an improved performance from gases and related products.

One positive influence on BOC will be the eventual disposal of the US carbon business, which managed a £16 million profit last year.

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Higher oil price helps push BP and Royal Dutch ahead

By Carol Ferguson

British Petroleum and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group both reported improved third quarter results yesterday. BP's operating profit rose 18 per cent to £674 million, while Shell's net income rose 17 per cent to £647 million (in both cases excluding stock profits and losses).

The higher oil price in the third quarter had a beneficial effect on the oil production end of both companies, which outweighed its adverse effect on refining and marketing.

In BP's first results since the Government's ill-starred share sale last month, a significantly higher tax charge of £199 million compared with a small tax credit last year eliminated most of the gains at the earnings level and earnings per share were virtually unchanged at 6.4p compared with 6.3p last year.

The group generated £3.3 billion of cash from operations in the nine-month period. However the purchase of the minority in Standard Oil, when added to capital expenditure and the payment of dividends, meant there was a cash deficit of £4 billion which was met by an increase in net debt.

Mr Peter Walters, BP's chairman, told staff recently that the balance sheet and cash flow continued to strengthen, helped by £1.5 billion of new equity.

He said he was disappointed that the share sale had been caught up in the market turbulence, but BP remained the same strong company, and there was no reason to modify the profit forecast in the prospective.

The Royal Dutch/Shell group saw its exploration and production earnings increase by 190 per cent to £409 million in the third quarter compared with the same quarter last year. The biggest increase was in the US where the group went from a loss of £2 million to a profit of £131 million. The main reason was higher crude prices — US domestic crude prices rose 60 per cent quarter on quarter — but lower exploration write-offs also contributed.

Manufacturing profits however were sharply reduced, despite higher sales volumes, as the company was not able to pass higher crude costs on fully to its customers.

The company said the outlook for crude oil prices is uncertain and continues to depend on whether world supply is restrained to match demand.

Thames TV rises 17.6% to £12m

By Lawrence Lever

Thames Television, Britain's largest commercial television company, reports a 17.6 per cent increase in pretax profits for the six months to September 30 — up from £10.2 million to £12 million. Turnover was £118 million, a 13.1 per cent increase on the corresponding half last year.

Net advertising revenue was £104 million, a 16 per cent share of network advertising revenue. This is a slight decline on the 16.3 per cent in the first half of last year but marginally up on Thames's percentage share for the year

Mr Richard Dunn, managing director, described the advertising results for the half year as "encouraging".

Thames is introducing a new rate card on January 4 which it says will be "highly competitive". Some advertisers have chosen to use its rival, London Weekend Television, because they consider Thames too expensive. Mr Dunn said he was "pretty enthusiastic" about advertising revenues for 1988.

Profits before Exchequer Levy were up from £15.1 million to £18.1 million. Earnings per share increased to 15.76p (13.32p) and the company has lifted the interim dividend by 10 per cent to 4.40p.

Sir Ian Trethowan, in his first report as chairman, points to signs of a slowdown in the growth of television advertising generally and the possibility that it could be vulnerable to any slackening of economic activity consequential upon the recent stock market crash.

He says, however, that the company is "confident" full-year results will be higher than last year.

Mr Dunn said Thames was to increase its stake in Astra, the 16-channel satellite service based in Luxembourg, from 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Thames paid £3.7 million for its stake at the beginning of last year.

Overseas sales increased by 20 per cent to just under £9.5 million and profits on these were £3.6 million before Exechequer Levy.

Mr Dunn said he was "pleased" with the audiences attracted by Thames's move into all-night television, which was started in June. The company's annual expenditure on all-night television is likely to be about £2 million.

Thames is also considering converting its popular TV series "The Bill" into a bi-weekly drama series.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Bank rethinks to cope with fragile new world

The delicate state of equilibrium I described here on Wednesday has been broken by a surge in stock prices in all the big centres. But nothing has basically changed: the markets are still fragile. How fragile is demonstrated by the fact that yesterday's bounce in prices is based on a US trade deficit which, at $14 billion, was $3 billion better than some forecasts. But let us be thankful for small mercies.

Inevitably, because of the recent collapse in world markets, the Bank of England has had to turn its main economic concerns on their head. The latest *Quarterly Bulletin* portrays the Bank struggling with its monetary dilemma. Britain's internationally high interest rates looked idiotic when the Bank was piling up reserves in an attempt to keep the pound down against the dollar and ultimately, by devious routes, against the mark.

At the same time, domestic monetary expansion was getting out of hand, whether judged by share and house prices or the trade deficit. It needed to be reined in. And the exchange of pounds for dollars through intervention would have to be sterilized by gilt-edged sales if it were not to add to monetary expansion.

The crash resolved this dilemma overnight. It is now safe to turn on the monetary tap because wealth, purchasing power and (unmeasurable) confidence have been disappearing even faster down the market plughole.

The Bank can now afford to be more open about its previous fears that the economy was overheating. They were evidently strong. On this thinking, the market fall was a good thing. It is just a pity that things have gone so far and so fast.

The Bank's prescriptions for sorting out the mess are sensible, as might be expected. They point to cuts in the US budget deficit as the essential prerequisite for "a balanced international programme" which would principally involve West Germany taking more active steps to cut taxes and improve its sluggish growth rate. If the White House and Congress come up with anything resembling a satisfactory budget package, the heat would evidently be turned on the West Germans from all directions.

The assumption in all this, however, is that Britain is in the middle of this new balance and does not need to make any adjustments apart from those consequential on possible interest rate cuts elsewhere. This may well be true. But it cannot be stated with too much confidence when the previous position is now revealed as unstable, with monetary policy unable to cope.

It is highly optimistic to assume the right choices will be made at the right time rather than, as seems more likely, lagging behind events. The Bank and the Treasury should, therefore, be thinking out what Britain and Europe as a whole will have to do if the sensible economic answers to financial instability are not forthcoming.

No longer in play

The reverse side of the world stock market crash is that good shares become cheaper. The last few weeks have brought a spate of stakebuilding for widely differing reasons, ranging from the sound to the speculative.

The foolish, or the bravest, according to taste, were the buyers like Australian John Spalvins' company, Adelaide Steamship, which moved in quickly during the very first days of the slide in mid-October. Those days have proved to be a trap of the most wounding kind. For the falls of October 19 and the few days that followed have proved not to be a window of opportunity in a raging bull market.

Others who have made considerable profits from trading large blocks of stock, like Alan Bond, showed a better sense of timing. His operations in shares of Allied Lyons have not yet been fully disclosed and it is too soon to judge.

Apart from speculators, there have been a number of probably timely moves to use the crash as a means of consolidating trade investments. Into this category come the additions by the large US insurance group Coroon & Black to its investment in the Minet group and the buying of Cadbury shares by General Cinema. Elders IXL, the Foster's Lager group, has expressly ruled out a bid for Greene King, despite the purchase of a 13 per cent interest. The Australian company Goodman Fielder has taken its holding to almost 30 per cent of Ranks Hovis McDougall and is clearly there for the long haul.

Sir Philip Harris, adding to holdings in his Harris Queensway group, and the Hammerson property group buying in its own shares, are telling the world that they think the worst of the crash is over.

Some of these moves, like Adsteam's may have the perverse effect of depressing the price of the target company shares. They have produced sizeable losses. The prospect of a fire sale at some time in the future may overhang the market. Others, like Elders's interest in Greene King, will put a "raiders' floor" beneath the brewing company's share price.

Such contradictory messages arising from the block traders suggest that, for the time being, companies raided by large share buyers are by no means automatically "in play".

Yale and Valor has faith in US

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Michael Montague, whose Valor heaters and cooker group trebled its size with its summertime blockbuster £280 million takeover of the US Yale lockmaker and NuTone electrical appliance company, has no fears about a US recession rocking his "once in a lifetime" acquisitions.

"Both companies have come through recessions before and thrived," he said yesterday.

Mr Montague was announcing first-half profits of the group — now called Yale and Valor — of £12.09 million. For the same period the old Valor business made £3.51 million. The current trading period includes three months contribution from Yale and NuTone, whose profits showed an increase of 9 per cent.

Shareholders collect an interim dividend of 1.8p a share compared with 1.52p last time.

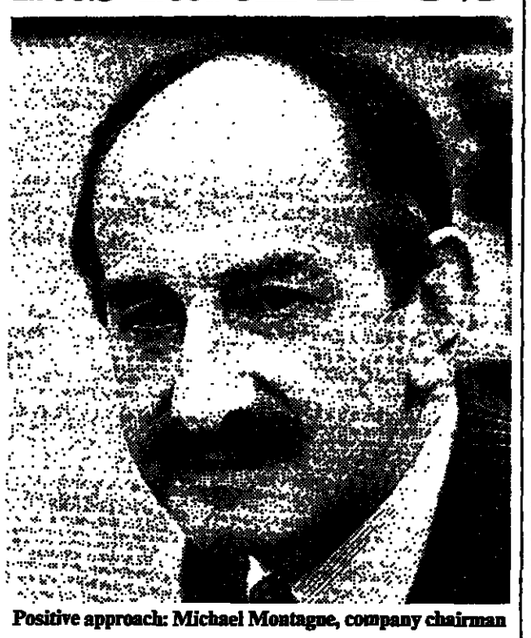
Mr Montague — who remains on the lookout for more acquisitions — says the weakness in the dollar is unlikely to have any impact on the new operations in the US.

"These businesses trade in the United States and are not exposed to any weakness in the dollar, although we have now decided to start manufacturing some products in America which we previously bought in from Taiwan."

He said: "Both Yale and NuTone have experienced earlier recessions, the last in 1982."

In Britain, the cool autumn is boosting demand for its range of gas fires, which have gained record market shares.

The flamboyant chairman tells shareholders: "If the doom scenario which the stock market could fuel comes into being we are going to take a positive approach, and believe there are as many opportunities in this situation as there might be problems.



Positive approach: Michael Montague, company chairman

Former Woolworth chief joins Benlox

By Our City Staff

Benlox, the tiny engineering group, has enlisted the help of a former top executive of Woolworth in its uphill takeover battle for Storehouse, the Mothercare, Habitat and BHS chain.

Mr Malcolm Parkinson, aged 42, who took over as chief executive of Woolworth in July last year and abruptly resigned earlier this month over a policy clash, will become managing director of Storehouse if the bid succeeds. He is joining the Benlox board later this month.

Yesterday Mr Parkinson was coy about the precise role he would play at Storehouse. "All will be revealed in due course."

"I resigned from Woolworth on a matter of principle and had no other plans, although I was inundated with offers. Then 36 hours ago I was approached to take on this job. It is a terrific opportunity. I firmly believe that Storehouse should, as Benlox plans, be broken up to allow the management some oxygen."

Sir Terence Conran, Storehouse chairman, is looking for a new retailing chief to succeed Mr Denis Cassidy, who resigned two months ago.

'No immediate bid for Greene King'

By Our City Staff

Greene King, the East Anglian brewer, gained a breathing space last night when Elders IXL, the Australian conglomerate, which produces Fosters lager, dampened immediate takeover speculation.

Elders said it had no intention of making a bid for Greene King, in which it has lifted its stake to more than 13 per cent over the past month, and would not contemplate doing so over the next six months "in the absence of a material change in the circumstances of that company."

The statement followed intervention by the Takeover Panel which had asked Elders to clarify its bid intentions.

Elders has been keen to sell Fosters lager through Greene King's chain of 800 public houses. But the East Anglian brewer, which has a 25 per cent stake in the Harp lager consortium, is not interested.

Mr Simon Redman, managing director of Greene King, said: "The position is a little more reassuring and allows us to get on with the job of running the brewery although we still do not know what their long-term intentions are."

NAB rises 8% despite higher taxes

From Richard Battley
Sydney

National Australia Bank boasted a surprisingly healthy profit of Aus$328.01 million (£125.8 million) for the year ending September 30, despite paying higher taxes and almost doubling its bad debt provisions, which included an inaugural Third World component.

The profit was 8 per cent higher than 1985-86 and a result "with which I am almost satisfied", NAB managing director Mr Nobby Clark said yesterday.

Directors declared a fully franked annual dividend of 24.75 cents, 0.74 of a cent more than the previous year, after adjusting for the group's recent one-for-five rights issue to fund the Aus$1.06 billion purchase of the Clydesdale and Northern banks in Scotland and Ireland.

Acquired post-balance date, those banks would make a material contribution to profit this financial year, Mr Clark said.

It was the sixth successive annual increase for NAB, and above most analysts' expectations. It contrasted impressively with its recent 33 per cent profit slump of the Commonwealth, one of the other Big Four banks. NAB shares jumped 25 cents on the announcement to Aus$4.35.

The bad debt provision of Aus$200.3 million, up from Aus$104.7 million, was merely prudent given the economic climate, Mr Clark said.

On the Third World debt provision of Aus$34 million, he said it was time for the bank to cover its loan exposure, mainly to Brazil and Mexico, in line with big overseas banks. Its total Third World loans were a relatively small Aus$230 million, less than 0.5 per cent of group assets.

NAB wrote off Aus$91.85 million in bad debts, up sharply from Aus$68.95 million last year.

NAB's gross income rose 13.8 per cent to Aus$5.98 billion while net interest income was Aus$1.35 billion, up 21.5 per cent.

Taxes rose to Aus$276.45 million from Aus$195.58 million. Earnings per share were down slightly at 67.4 cents



Find out who's won on November 18th.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

From Oz without love

Far from worrying too much, we may not be worrying enough about the mounting costs to British taxpayers of the Government's failed two-year battle in Australia's courts to stop Heinemann publishing *Spycatcher*, the spicy memoirs of former secret agent Peter Wright. For in addition to meeting Heinemann's legal costs, the Government faces another, equally daunting bill: Heinemann — part of the Paul Hamlyn publishing empire recently taken over by Reed — is also totting up the costs of the financial damage it has suffered by not being able to publish or distribute Wright's book in Britain. "If you injunct someone, you have to give an undertaking to the court that, if that person loses out as a result of the injunction, you will make good the damage," a spokesman for Heinemann Australia tells me. "People in Britain do not seem to realize that if the British Government fails in its appeal to the Australian High Court next year, we will be claiming not only for our legal costs in the case but also for the damage and lost profits caused by the flood of American editions of *Spycatcher* that has poured into Britain. Maybe 100,000 or 200,000 copies of the US Viking edition published by Penguin — from which we only get a royalty — came into Britain which might not otherwise have done had we been allowed to distribute our own books. This is an invasion of our territory." The bill for such damage to Heinemann's profits could, I understand, approach £500,000 — as much as the legal costs. Small beer for a company such as Reed, but it could pay for a memorable victory party.

José's book of fortune

Anyone who has given up relying on forecasters to predict where the stock market is going might like to roll up to Sotheby's on November 26 and bid for a 300-year-old book on the joys and heartaches of share dealing, one of the earliest tomes on the subject. Its author, José Vega, was a Portuguese Jew who lived in Antwerp and wrote philosophical works. As a diversion from musing on the meaning of life, the causes of happiness, and the likely winner of the 2.30 at Bruges, Vega speculated on the Amsterdam stock exchange, losing and winning back his fortune some five times in all. His description of life on the bourse in 1688 contains details of many practices still in use today, such as share options. The book is tipped to fetch up to £2,000. Its durable title? *Confusion de Confusiones.*

Racing finish

I hear former Akroyd & Smithers property jobber Richard Moore will have more time to spend racing his beloved greyhounds in Southend-on-Sea after his abrupt departure on Wednesday as head of market-making at stockbroker Shearson Lehman Messel. "We had philosophical differences," says Peter Rawlings, Shearson's head of equities, "and we agreed to separate." Mr Rawlings, warning against reading anything sinister into the sudden separation, adds: "We had a profitable month in market-making in October." In a period when the stock market sank by a third, and bets were being placed in the City on which broker might be next to retire hurt from market-making, that would usually count as grounds for promotion.



"Personally, I think it's a grin and bear market"

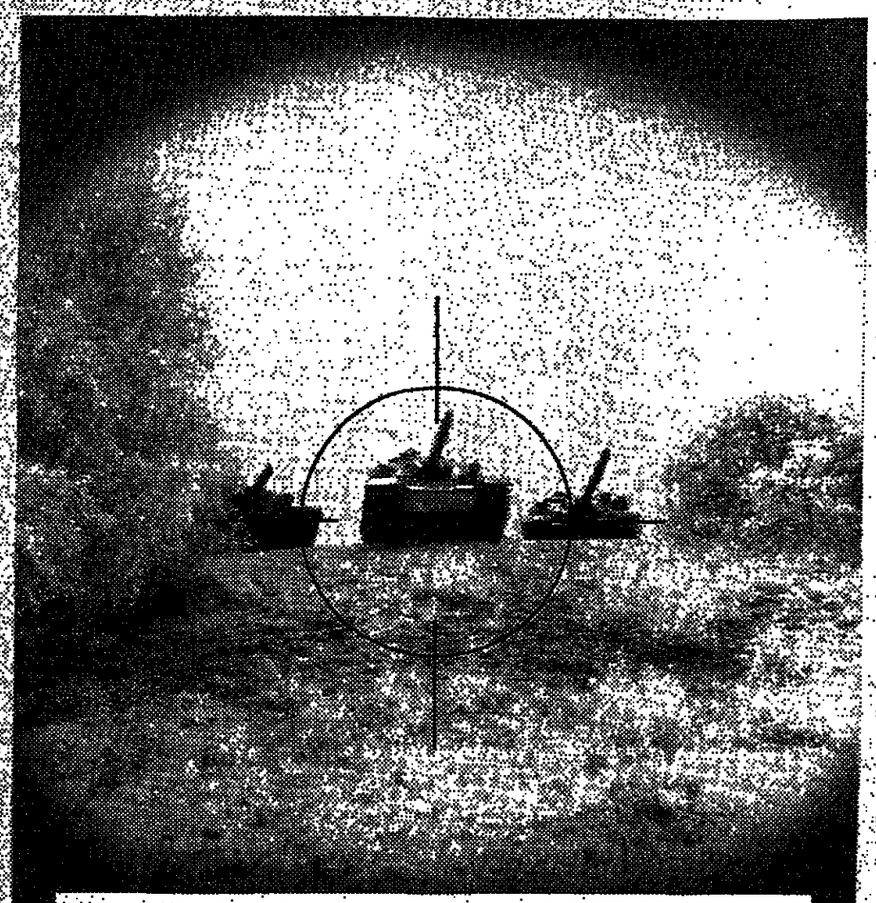
Curtain up on AsticA

Nearly 5 million litres of Bulgarian lager will flow through Britain's off-licences in the next five years as part-payment for the manufacture and installation of high-technology Rank Xerox copiers in Bulgarian offices and factories. In a clever countertrade deal, Rank Xerox's British arm has gained a toehold in the Eastern bloc by selling to the Communist country's PDS manufacturing facility the right to produce its copiers and laser printers. "We are confidently looking for a leap in business with Bulgaria from a current annual rate of £1.5 million to £5 million in 1988," says Rank Xerox's Jan Bielak, the reciprocal trading director. PDS, whose bosses are painfully short of foreign exchange to fund imports, is paying for the Xerox business largely with its Maritsa typewriters, being marketed by Xerox through Triumph Adler, and AsticA lager, a strong brew that will cost 59p a can in Britain. It is Bulgaria's leading brand and was "potentially a good proposition" says Bielak. The deal involves Xerox taking 600,000, 24-can cases of AsticA in the first five years of the arrangement. Does AsticA excite the parts other beers don't? "It's just like any other lager," a Rank Xerox gourmet tells me.

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Joe Joseph

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Oxford hit by scanner slump

By Michael Tate

The forecast slump in world orders for body scanners has, as expected, left a big hole in the profits of Oxford Instruments, maker of the scanner's magnetic heart.

Pretax profits in the six months to end-September slumped from £8.51 million to £4.58 million, as turnover dropped from £47.79 million to £38.4 million.

The entire shortfall is blamed on the slump in demand for magnetic resonance imaging systems, the technical name for scanners, from the world's health authorities. MRI contribution to Oxford profits was "positive, but only just," said Mr Peter Williams, chief executive, yesterday.

Fortunately, Oxford's heavy investment on non-MRI research and development is paying off just at the right time. Non-MRI business saw a 40 per cent underlying growth in profits, Mr Williams said. MRI magnets now account for a little more than a third of group turnover.

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman, expects improved trading performance in the second half. But the City does not expect Oxford to make much more than £12 million for the year, against £19.65 million.

Meanwhile the board is demonstrating its confidence by lifting the interim dividend from 0.8p to 0.9p.

Expanding Tie Rack suits the City with 77% profits rise

By John Bell
City Editor

Mr Roy Bishko, the brains behind the fast growing Tie Rack chain, has a new ambition. "We want to be known as the McDonald's of the clothing business," he said yesterday. "I admire the way they use lights, design and colour to create excitement in their shops. I would like to market ties like they market hamburgers."

For the time being though, Mr Bishko is doing extremely well selling ties, scarves and other clothing accessories his way.

The City yesterday thought highly of Tie Rack's first profits statement since it went public in a blaze of publicity last summer. The shares sprinted 20p to 114p on news of a 77 per cent increase in half time profits to £281,000. Turnover also reflected the group's rapid store opening programme, rising 63 per cent to £9.5 million.

Tie Rack's flotation caught the high point of the new issue boom earlier this year with speculative investors clamouring to buy what they all saw as the latest hot stock.

The result was one to make the promoters of Eurotunnel, by no means home and dry yet on a £300 million London fund raising, green with envy. Tie Rack attracted more than



Food for thought: Roy Bishko's new ambition is to be the McDonalds of the clothes world

£1 billion worth of applications for its £12.5 million equity issue.

As in all speculative share bubbles, the enthusiasm was overdone. Tie Rack shares, rated on a stratospheric 50 times earnings at the peak 200p share price, suffered badly since the crash dropping to just 92p. But if the expectations were excessivly high, they were by no means unsoundly based.

For Mr Bishko's business requires only modest capital, generates funds for further expansion through franchising as its goes along, and is enjoying a warm welcome from shopping centre developers seeking a bright, attractive and profitable presence to leaven their retailing mix.

At the start of the current financial year Tie Rack operated 115 stores, 97 of them in Britain. Already the chain has grown to 152, with another 10 outlets due for opening before the year end.

The capital raised in the flotation has put Tie Rack in a strong position to expand rapidly at home, in Europe and North America, said Mr Bishko. He is especially bullish about the US and Canada.

"The reception for things like English ties and Scottish woollen scarves is tremendous over there. And by dealing direct with the manufacturers we are reducing the selling prices some way below our competitors," he added.

Mr Bishko bought out the former partners in Tie Rack Canada which has now become a fully-owned subsidiary.

The management team is also being beefed up in order to cope with the expansion plans. Mr Neil Farley, a former marketing director of Next Retail, has been appointed managing director of the group's British operations.

Trading is going well in the second half year, when the bulk of annual profits are generated. Turover and profits are substantially above last year's levels, Mr Bishko said.

Shareholders who stagged the issue and endured the vertigo when the shares climbed to their peaks do not hold Tie Rack for income. Nevertheless Mr Bishko announced a maiden interim dividend of 0.365p a share yesterday.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Allied Irish slips on bad debt provision

Allied Irish Banks yesterday announced a drop in interim pretax profits from Ir£52.7 million (£46.63 million) to Ir£48.1 million after a Ir£9.5 million exceptional provision for Latin American debt. The bank said that among the most important developments over the six months to September 30 had been approval for Allied Irish to open an office in Tokyo.

It also said that it intended to widen the range of services by entering the field of life assurance. The bank's American subsidiary increased its profit contribution from Ir£7.5 million to Ir£10.1 million. The group's net interest income was also up and, without the exceptional bad debt charge, pretax profits would have risen by Ir£5 million to Ir£57.6 million. The interim dividend has been set at 5.25p.

John Foster back in profit

John Foster, the mohair spinner and manufacturer, made a strong recovery in the six months to August 28, registering a pretax profit of £766,000 against a previous first-half loss of £467,000. Sales bounced 44 per cent higher to £12.3 million. Healthy order books are being maintained. The interim dividend was raised to 1.5p from 1p.

IMI starts up firm in Japan

IMI, one of Britain's largest industrial groups, has started a company with Kitagawa Iron Works of Japan to market and manufacture IMI's low-cost automation systems in Japan. Mr Gary Allen, IMI's managing director, said: "We expect a rapid build-up of business which could lift sales to over £10 million a year within three years."

Staveley earnings up

Staveley Industries, the company with interests ranging from mechanical and electrical services to salt production, raised its pretax profits from £4.3 million to £6.3 million during the first six months of this year.

Turnover went up from £94 million to £98.5 million. The interim dividend goes up from 1.5p a share to 1.7p a share. The company says that the first six months have been exciting, putting it on course for a record year. The acquisition of Weigh-Tronix is expected to balance Staveley Industries' performance between the first six months and the second half of the year.

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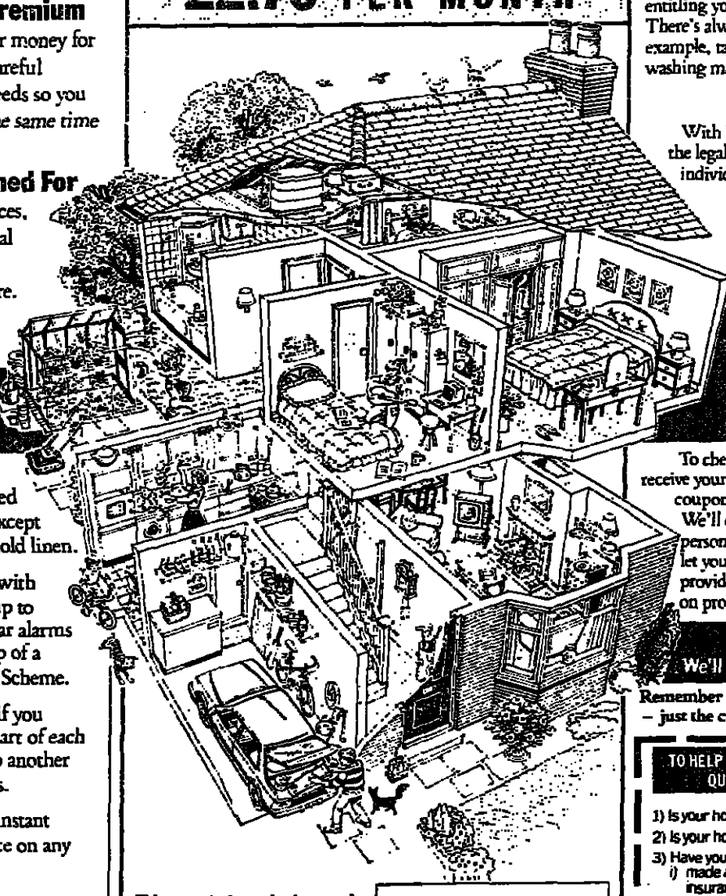
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NMC lifts half-time profit 46% to £2.8m

By Cliff Feltham

NMC Group, the packaging business in which the Saatchi brothers have a 20 per cent stake, has got off to a flying start this year.

Half-time results show pre-tax profits are ahead by 46 per cent at £2.8 million and analysts looking for a total of about £5.75 million for the full year are unlikely to be disappointed.

The share price responded with a 6p rise to 108p.

During the first half, the company took over AJ Bingley, a polythene packager, and Pricemaster, which produces quality retail labelling and bar codings.

Mr Norman Gordon, NMC chief executive, said: "If you take out the effect of the newly-acquired companies, 38 per cent of our growth in profitability was generated organically.

"The group's acquisition programme will continue. Our lack of gearing and the £7 million of cash on deposit enable us to finance future acquisitions without raising capital through equity markets."

Mr Gordon said he was convinced the market shake-out could play into the company's hands, bringing down prices to more realistic levels where NMC would be interested in making an offer.

NMC had, however, ruled itself out of any bid for the Cope Allman packaging business

Mr Gordon said: "We were only interested in one third of the packaging business anyway, but we are no longer looking at it."

There is an interim dividend of 0.7p a share.

Eight crucial questions on energy by John Banham, the CBI's director-general

A powerful case for industry

In Britain, electricity prices are relatively low to the consumer and relatively high for intensive industrial users of energy, in marked contrast to the situation in some other European countries.

Present electricity prices to French and Italian competitors of British chlorine manufacturers are reported to be as much as 25 per cent below the British price; and Electricité de France has recently announced that price increases will probably be one point below the rate of inflation (electricity accounts for 60 per cent of the cost of chlorine).

The table, based on figures provided by the Electricity Council, Central Electricity Generating Board and British Independent Steel Producers' Association, provides the details.

It will be apparent that France, Italy and Belgium are discriminating in favour of industrial users of electricity, while The Netherlands and West Germany rely on low-price gas to support industrial competitiveness.

Despite the relatively low prices, the British electricity supply industry shows respectable returns on the assets employed. Last year, on an historic cost basis, the audited accounts for the Electricity Council (which includes the CEGB) show operating profits of nearly £1.9 billion – a return of 13.8 per cent, compared with the average for British manufacturing (of 18.0 per cent).

Électricité de France, by contrast, has not reported a profit for several years.

The implied British national strategy is then fairly clear: protect the domestic sector, and expect intensive users to overcome the handicap of relatively high energy costs through conservation, productivity improvements and plant and productivity rationalization.

RELATIVE ENERGY PRICES 1986-1987

Index: England and Wales = 100

	ELECTRICITY			GAS
	Domestic	Industrial		Medium
	Index	Typical	Intensive	Indstrl User
UK	100	100	100	100
Netherlands	109	100	108	69
France	136	108	91	77
W Germany	171	172	168	73
Belgium	171	127	95	69
Italy	185	137	87	75

Source: Electricity Council, Central Electricity Generating Board and the British Independent Steel Producers' Association

This is precisely what has happened. Britain's steel, chemicals, paper and plastics industries have a remarkable record of recovery from the dark days of the 1970s.

In many market segments, British-based suppliers are now world price leaders; productivity has recovered sharply and capital investment has increased. It is a magnificent record, achieved against the odds: electricity accounts for more than 25 per cent of the cost of steel and many internationally traded speciality chemicals yet British companies are paying more for their energy than many Continental competitors.

It is worth remembering that a difference of 3 per cent to 5 per cent in price is more than sufficient to lose an order in many of the markets in question.

However, despite government reassurance that it does not intend to penalize them, the prospects for these industries and their British customers will be seriously affected if recently announced price increases go ahead.

It is important to understand why industry is so concerned. For business overall, it could lead to increases of some £1 billion a year – money that will not be available for investment in plant and equipment, education and training, research and development or inner cities.

Some important questions need to be answered:

WHY has the target return for the electricity supply industry been fixed at 4.75 per cent in current-cost accounting terms, which is the equivalent of 16 per cent to 18 per cent in historical terms? Even in markets where companies face considerable market, technical and competitive risks, returns of this order are not being achieved and electricity faces no such risk.

WHY have recent events on the Stock Exchange not reduced the discount necessary to "sell" the industry to the market? The risk-reward balance must have changed. Investors are likely to be more averse to risk and to value near-certain income more highly while lower interest rates will reduce the opportunity cost of money.



John Banham: concerned

WHY, in effect, is the Government seeking to underwrite past investment mistakes in electricity generation? Most estimates suggest that the industry will command a price of about £15 billion when it is privatized. This is what it is currently "worth" and there must be a strong case for calculating the future target returns on this basis.

WHY, when the electricity industry has very little debt, is old plant being written off at the rate of more than £1 billion a year? By the time the industry is privatized it will have a completely clean balance sheet. Some of the debt could surely be privatized as well.

WHY should today's industrial consumers be paying for future increases in capacity? Few manufacturers would consider putting prices up to pay for future capacity. Indeed, unless electricity supply is internationally price-competitive, the need for extra capacity will be open to question because British industrial demand will not rise if it cannot compete.

WHY should the CEGB be made to buy coal at well above world market prices? There is, of course, a social case for cushioning the coal mining communities but it cannot make sense to load the cost of coal on to industrial consumers. Some estimates suggest that the supply industry would save up to £700 million a year if it could buy coal at world market prices.

WHY should intensive energy users, and then industrial users generally, face the steepest increases? The domestic consumer is already enjoying a good deal compared with consumers in other EEC countries.

WHY not refurbish some existing electricity-supply plant to meet future needs? This would be cheaper, avoid costly planning delays and create work for the private sector.

Business is in favour of privatization and of introducing competition.

But it is totally opposed to anything which would put at risk its ability to compete in tough world markets.

John Banham

● *Mr Banham was speaking yesterday in London to the Annual conference of the National Joint Council of the Electrical Supply Industry of Great Britain.*

Threat of Aids helps LIG to £15m profits

By Alison Eadie

London International Group, the fine china to condoms consumer products company, made pretax profits in the half year to the end of September of £15 million, a rise of 23.3 per cent. Turnover rose 15.4 per cent to £148.7 million.

Demand for condoms continues to accelerate worldwide as a result of the Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) threat. The health and personal products division registered a 36 per cent increase in profits to £8.6 million on sales growth in local currency terms of 23 per cent.

In North America, consumer buying of condoms is rising by 20 per cent, but LIG's sales are up by 40 per cent as new retail outlets start selling their products.

In Britain, LIG's sales more closely reflect consumer buying at about 20 per cent to 25 per cent higher. Demand in continental Europe is also rising fast and catching up Britain and North America.

Mr Alan Woltz, chairman and chief executive, is unconcerned by the entry of Virgin Group into the condom market.

Virgin is selling cheap condoms and giving the profits to combat the spread of Aids.

Mr Woltz said that condoms have never been price-sensitive, especially in Britain where LIG's Durex is the cheapest branded condom in the Western world.

Virgin's advertising campaign would help overall sales of condoms and spread consumer awareness, he said.

Royal Worcester Spode, LIG's fine china operation, made a small operating loss of £400,000, in spite of sales growth of 16 per cent in local currency terms and 10 per cent in sterling terms.

Pressure on margins continued in Britain with tourist and home demand not yet back to pre-1986 levels.

The second half, which is seasonally much stronger, should show a profit, Mr Woltz said.

Sales to North America are strong at the moment and LIG is covered against the dollar decline for the remainder of the year.

The home products and services division, which includes the photoprocessing business ColourCare and Duraplug electrical accessories, made profits of £7.8 million, a rise of 17 per cent, on sales 16 per cent higher.

The gains were made in spite of the divestment of some companies in the division.

The core photographic and electrical businesses increased profits by 22 per cent.

In September, LIG announced the acquisition of a leading Italian condom and healthcare products manufacturer.

There are no further acquisitions in the pipeline, although the company is always looking to add to its core businesses.

"We will wait and see what the implications of the stock market fall are," Mr Woltz said.

The interim dividend was raised by 17.1 per cent to 2.05p.

WELLCOME RESULTS 1987

Rise in profits comes from broad product range

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	1987 £m	1986 £m	% increase
Turnover	1,132.4	1,005.4	13%
Exports from the UK	228.1	198.5	15%
Research and development expenditure	142.4	132.5	7%
Profit before taxation	169.1	125.3	35%
Profit attributable to shareholders	94.1	63.9	47%
Dividends	23.7	17.4	36%
Earnings per ordinary share	11.2p	7.8p	44%
Shareholders' funds	559.0	513.6	9%



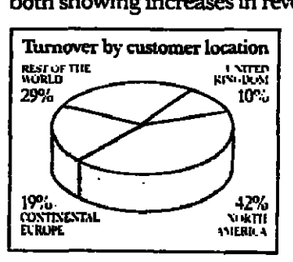
Mr A J Shepperd, Chairman and Chief Executive, reports: The past year has been greatly concerned with the development and launch of our AIDS therapy, zidovudine. Additionally, during the year, we have made progress across a number of fronts.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT Apart from the work on zidovudine, we have also further developed existing products, such as acyclovir and atracurium, as well as progressing novel products, including an antihistamine and an anticonvulsant. In 1985 and 1986, our research laboratories won Queen's Awards for Technological Achievement and we were pleased to see them joined in 1987 by our Diagnostics division, which won an Award for its AIDS virus antibody test.

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ANTIVIRALS GROWTH CONTINUES Since its launch in 1982, our antiherpetic drug acyclovir has grown to reach global sales of £160 million. Elsewhere in our product range, other products, such as digoxin and allopurinol, continued to hold up well in their markets, both showing increases in revenue, despite generic competition. In the intensively competitive "over the counter" market in the US, we have achieved further sales growth, and we are continuing to build our OTC business in other parts of the world.

Turnover by customer location



GROWTH IN OVERSEAS MARKETS In our prospectus, we stated that special attention would be given to further development of markets in continental Europe and Japan. Sales performance in continental Europe, in local currency terms, increased by nearly 20% over the previous year, while that in Japan rose by over 40%.

COOPERS ANIMAL HEALTH A year of restructuring and investment in the UK and overseas has put the Coopers Animal Health group of companies into profit for the first time since its inception three years ago.

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Ireland assurance group in rights call for £18.8m

New Ireland Assurance, the Irish insurance group, 67 per cent-owned by UAP International, the French company, is to raise £18.8 million by way of a one-for-one rights issue at 380p per share.

Together with the £1.35 million already subscribed by UAP for shares in the company, the issue will provide more than £20 million in new capital for the development of the group's business in Ireland and abroad.

On completion of the rights issue, a controlling interest in NIA's associated company, Irish National, will be transferred to a new holding company incorporating NIA itself which will enhance diversification opportunities in the financial services sector.

The directors are confident that in the future the group will expand and develop with the support of UAP International, its main shareholder, and will consolidate its position in the forefront of the Irish insurance industry.

NZI lifts to £47m

NZI Corporation is paying an interim dividend of NZ 5 cents (NZ 4 cents) on December 17. Pretax profit for the six months to end-September was NZ$135 million (£47 million) compared with NZ$73 million previously. Turnover was NZ$1.115 billion compared with NZ$951 million.

No full dividend

There is no dividend at Entertainment Production Services for the year to end-April. Turnover was £3.179 million compared with £3.205 million before. The loss before exceptional items was £650,000, against £441,000 last time. The loss per share is 9.09p, compared with 20.57p.

Plaxtons may sell

Plaxtons (GB) has agreed in principle to the sale of its building and shopfitting division, not including the London site, through a management buyout. The consideration of £400,000 is in line with the division's net asset value.

Trust payout

The Scottish National Trust made a total dividend in the year ending September 30 of 5.95p, an increase of 11.2 per cent. Because of its reorganization into a split level trust, SNT paid out two interim dividends rather than a final dividend. The trust's share price has held up well in the recent market fall, shedding only about 4 per cent of its value against a market drop of 23 per cent.

Great Portland up

Great Portland Estates, now holder of a 50 per cent stake in Bride Hall Group, is raising its interim dividend from 2.5p to 2.75p a share following healthier interim pretax profits. Profit for the six months ended September 30, which includes a modest £220,000 from Bride Hall, rose from £10.4 million to £12.1 million. The shares rose from 210p to 214p on results.

Publishing jumps

Publishing Holdings reports gross interim profits of £1.58 million to end-August, compared with £693,000 previously. Turnover was £3.37 million, against £2.13 million. Earnings per share are 1.04p (0.31p).

Tiger Oats payout

Tiger Oats has declared a final dividend of SA 337 cents (SA 270 cents) for the year to end-August. Turnover was R4.12 billion (£679 million) compared with R3.5 billion. Pretax profit was R239.2 million, as against R200 million last time.

GEI passes £2m

Pretax profit at GEI International for the six months to end-August was just over £2 million, compared with £1.2 million previously. Turnover was £39 million as against £30 million. There is an interim dividend of 1.94p (1.94p) and earnings per share are 3.34p (1.94p).

Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 14th Nov 1987 Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate will be decreased to 10.25% per annum.

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Bellway builds up profit to £7.8m

By Alison Eadie

Bellway, the housebuilder, made pretax profits in the year to the end of July that were 72.7 per cent higher at £7.8 million. Turnover rose 15.1 per cent to £84.3 million.

The interest charge fell 44 per cent to £1.3 million after the company's £7.4 million rights issue in October last year. Operating profits were 25.2 per cent higher at £8.5 million.

DFW Golding, the Essex-based housebuilding company acquired in April, made a contribution of £850,000 to pretax profits. The company has dovetailed well with existing operations, Bellway said, and the areas in which it operates are experiencing record growth.

About half of Bellway's turnover is now in the South compared with about one-third last year. The company sold its lossmaking Scottish housebuilding division to Tilbury Homes for £4 million in cash last May.

The final dividend was 5p making a total payout of 8p, a rise of 10 per cent.

Turnover record at Gleeson

By Geoffrey Foster

As forecast at the half-way stage, MJ Gleeson, the civil engineering and property investment group, achieved record turnover and profits for the year to June 30 1987.

Turnover advanced more than 19 per cent from £77 million to £92 million, while annual pretax profits rose nearly 15 per cent from £5.6 million to £6.5 million.

The directors said that the order book indicates that high output will be maintained in the contracting divisions and in private housing.

They added that there would be an increasing contribution from substantial rises in rents receivable. They were also confident about current-year prospects,

Rents and interest receivable rose from £2.4 million to £3 million.

After tax of £1 million (£2.2 million), earnings per share worked through at 54.30p (35.07p).

The final dividend is 4.8p (4.26p) making a total for the year of 6.66p (5.91p).

Markets crash: cause and cures

Crashing stock markets have deafened the investment community around the world, and startled one or two onlookers. Standing amid the rubble of paper, nervous analysts have been offering explanations for what happened. What has been turned up is that old standby, the United States budget deficit, which has been awarded the mantle of blame not partially, but totally. However, despite its convenience, this explanation is hard to justify.

There is, in fact, a much more logical explanation,which shows that the markets have been acting in a highly rational way. Investors, unconsciously, and in the spirit of Adam Smith's "invisible hand", are actually enforcing a solution to the huge external deficits of the United States that are destabilizing the international capital markets. All eyes are turned towards Congress, but are looking in the wrong direction.

What Happened and Why

How much prices have fallen depends on where you start counting from and where you end. There is little point in trying to define a precise number, any more than counting the leaves on a tree (particularly in autumn), but as a rough approximation it is reasonable to assume that at least $2 trillion (£1,137 billion) has been wiped off equity values – split half in the US and half outside.

What happened is the easy part, at least so far, and the real point of interest is why. There is an obsessive desire to place the blame somewhere, and unanimous opinion seems to be that the budget deficit in the US is the problem that lies behind the crash. The deficit has been presented as the sole villain of the piece. In that respect, the proposal to cut a $23 billion slice out of the *planned* deficit is seen as the act of leadership required to restore stability to the markets.

In addition, deficit reduction has taken on the appearance of a mythical elixir – a cure for all economic ailments. So not only will an agreement on the budget resolve the cause of the stock market crash, but it will also stabilize the dollar, and doubtless much else besides.

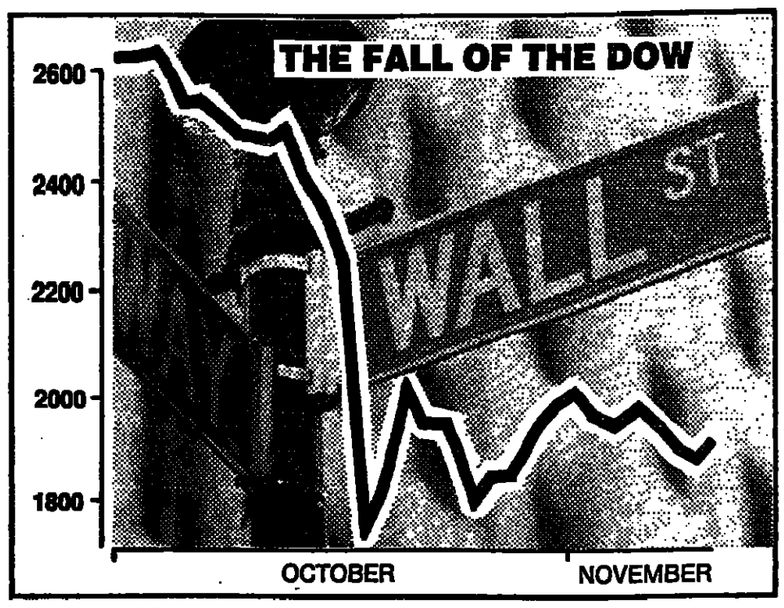
There are a number of problems with this view. First, the reduction in asset values of $2 trillion seems somewhat excessive in relation to a deficit reduction of $23 billion. Second, if that is the problem, the reaction seems to have come a bit late; the deficit fell by a record amount in the latest fiscal year – to $148 billion from $220 billion the year before. Third, it was planned to cut at least $23 billion anyway, even before stock prices reacted so violently. Fourth, it is hard to see why cutting spending or raising taxes after a crash should stabilize the stock market when people are already running scared that demand will drop, or even collapse. Fifth, why should bond prices rally if the concern really is the budget?

The truth is that the real cause lies elsewhere. The budget deficit has been part of the problem. The ancient wizened creature has certainly been malevolent, but less so now than in the past. The real problem is the current account deficit and counterpart capital flows that have ballooned to disproportionate proportions. The budget deficit, resulting from increased spending and lower taxes, was a major cause of the dramatic increase in the trade deficit, but the worst is now over. If the budget was to be a cause of a crash in the stock market, it should have come long ago.

Rising Debts and Deficits

The current account deficit is exactly equal and opposite to the net dissaving of the US. The relationship is identical to the situation of an individual who spends more than he earns – which, as Mr Micawber tells us, is miserable. It is not true that all the dissaving is in the form of increased debts, as generally assumed, although the majority does take that form. Part of the deficit is financed through the sale of assets – equities, real estate and direct investment.

Either way, there is an income flow created which is counted as a negative item in future current accounts. The US has already moved from being the world's largest creditor nation to being its largest debtor. In order to return to balance on current account, and therefore on capital account, the trade balance will have to go to a surplus.



'Markets have been acting in a highly rational way'

The cumulative effect of the deficit is something that could not continue indefinitely. And yet that is what the people have been forecasting; it is the basis of the forecasts presented to the International Monetary Fund annual jamboree in September. Such a conclusion was, and is, totally unacceptable, and the crash in stock prices has been in recognition of this fact. There has to be adjustment, and it has to come fairly quickly.

Price or Quantity Adjustment

When you have a major imbalance in any market, there are two basic ways of correcting it – through changes in price or changes in quantity. The Louvre Accord in essence ruled out any further price adjustment, thereby sealing one of the possible escape valves for the pressure that had built up. Consequently, in this important respect the widely acclaimed agreement was partly responsible for the stock market chaos that has followed. Without a price change, that left quantity adjustments as the only solution.

In the case of the imbalance in trade, there are two possible ways in which quantity adjustments can occur – either US demand must fall, thereby reducing imports and forcing US companies aggressively to search for other markets in order to maintain production; or demand must rise abroad, which will increase imports from the US and raise the attractiveness of domestic markets to producers.

The stock markets in October were reacting to the complete failure of governments around the world to address this problem in any realistic way. Policy reactions throughout this year have been totally contradictory, particularly outside the US, except for some marginal improvement in Japan. By the time we moved in to the final quarter of the year, an impasse had been reached and patience and nerves snapped.

The US certainly has to bear the main blame for creating the huge imbalances that exist. The combination of an extremely expansionary fiscal policy with a tight monetary policy, at a time of fiscal conservatism elsewhere, produced its inevitable conclusion. However, that is the past and cannot be changed. It is not sufficient to offer as a solution: "If I want to get there, I would not start from here."

Here is where we are, and here is not very pleasant. The main problem this year has been with policy outside the US. In the latest fiscal year, the US budget deficit fell by $72 billion, and interest rates increased significantly up to mid-October. At the same time, however, interest rates increased as fast or even faster in other countries.

West Germany, in particular, was committed to a policy of restraining demand. The position of West Germany is crucial to Europe, since interest rates and even fiscal policy in the other countries are closely tied to what happens there. The Bundesbank is, in effect, the Federal Reserve of Europe.

Not only did the Bundesbank raise interest rates, but the government was adamant that there should be no fiscal expansion. True, there are tax cuts slated for January, but there has also been a desperate scramble to find alternative revenue.

The decision in October to impose a 10 per cent withholding tax on investment income was important in demonstrating the incredible lengths the government was prepared to take this argument. I see this as an important straw in breaking the back of the market. It emphasized more clearly than anything else the impasse that had been reached.

If the rest of the world would not expand demand, and prices did not change, then the only solution left was a recession in the US – and the stock market crashed. Under these conditions, a recession in the US also meant a recession in the rest of the world, and the dominoes clattered down around the world.

Where to now?

That was not an end, but a beginning: the start of finding a solution. The US market crashed first, but the markets have behaved more rationally than governments in trying to force an alternative, and more acceptable, solution. At the end of the last decade, investors imposed a discipline on central banks, and particularly the Federal Reserve, by selling bonds and pushing yields up very high. Now selling pressure on the dollar is playing a similar role to force expansion outside the US.

A solution requires the US to have a bigger recession than other countries, or for other countries to grow faster than the US. There should be no doubt that the second solution is preferable, but it requires a dramatic change in attitude. In both cases interest rates in Europe will come down and the governments will try to expand demand. There is an easy way or a hard way.

'The real problem is the US current account deficit'

Within an isolationist, domestic context, West Germany's policies make some sort of sense. Within a world context they are totally misplaced. By following conservative domestic policies of restraint, they will not achieve their objectives, but ensure a world recession. The right domestic policy requires the authorities to stop concentrating on the domestic economy.

The US is not as vulnerable as might be supposed in the event of a real world crisis. The US is the major debtor now and a crisis will only push the dollar lower. That will reduce the value of external debt and improve the competitiveness of US companies still further. Europe would come out of this situation very badly. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was an important reversal of roles. Then the US was the major surplus country, with Europe in the debtor's role. And it was the surplus country that suffered the most.

The preferred solution is to get West Germany, and thereby the rest of Europe, to expand demand. In this respect, a falling dollar is far more persuasive than any amount of rhetoric. The process works by sharply reducing external competitiveness, depressing stock prices, raising the spectre of recession and forcing the central banks to respond by cutting interest rates. Ideally there might be some slight fiscal expansion.

Either way the dollar looks set to fall. And it is likely to remain weak until the Bundesbank is forced to reduce rates even further, and demand shows signs of picking up in Europe. Demand in Japan has already increased, but further easing can only help.

The falling dollar improves competitiveness, but that is not its main role at the moment. Improved competitiveness takes time to work through, and in the meantime, relative price changes are more likely to worsen the balance of trade, the dreaded J-curve effect. The importance of the falling dollar now is in forcing central banks around the world to ease policy.

What happened this year as countries around the world raised interest rates was insane. The Federal Reserve was under pressure to tighten monetary policy – and this is where the size of the deficit comes in – but it is hard to see why other countries should have pushed rates up as fast, if not faster.

Central bankers may think that they are suffering from the tyranny of the markets, but quite the reverse is true. Nor is the dollar falling because of what Mr James Baker is saying; the Treasury Secretary is simply being carried along by the flood as much as anyone else.

Recession or no Recession?

There is a widespread opinion that the crash on Wall Street portends a severe recession in the US.

Before the stock market crash it had seemed to me that the US was heading towards a recession in the middle of 1988. Interest rates were pushing up and the need to correct the trade imbalance suggested that a recession was inevitable. The crash in share prices has, if anything, raised the possibility that the recession will be avoided, as it has allowed interest rates to fall.

The drop in share prices is likely to have some small effect on consumer confidence but it is far from clear how much. It is true that stock prices fall ahead of a recession, but that is a reflection of higher interest rates and a squeeze on credit; it is just that this shows up first in stock prices. This is exactly why these prices play such an important role in leading indicators of the economy. Evidence of a leading relationship is not evidence of causality.

What we have experienced here is something new. If there is a loss of confidence, it is more likely to be because the press has frightened people than because of a behavioural reaction to the reduction in equity values, which in most cases are anyway only where they were a year ago. In the case of AT&T, the most widely held stock in the US, the price is a good 20 per cent to 30 per cent above its range a year ago.

At present there is a struggle going on between recession and reflation. If there is a recession in the US, and a sharp slowdown is the best than can be expected, it will be because the rest of the world has not stimulated demand, and interest rates are pushed back up eventually to hold the dollar and restrain demand. It will not happen because the Dow has fallen back to where it was this time last year.

Falling Real Interest Rates

There is something else that is happening which is very important. At the end of the 1970s, real interest rates were pushed up sharply, as the markets imposed a discipline on the central banks. Interest rates have stayed very high until now, and have played a role in slowing growth. It is highly likely that real interest rates are in the process of coming down close to their historical levels.

This development, in the context of what else is happening, provides a more optimistic outlook of current events. Rapid growth is unlikely, but a better distribution is essential, and may now finally become a reality. One way or another, interest rates are going to fall outside the US. It is only a question of how big a crisis is necessary in order to achieve it.

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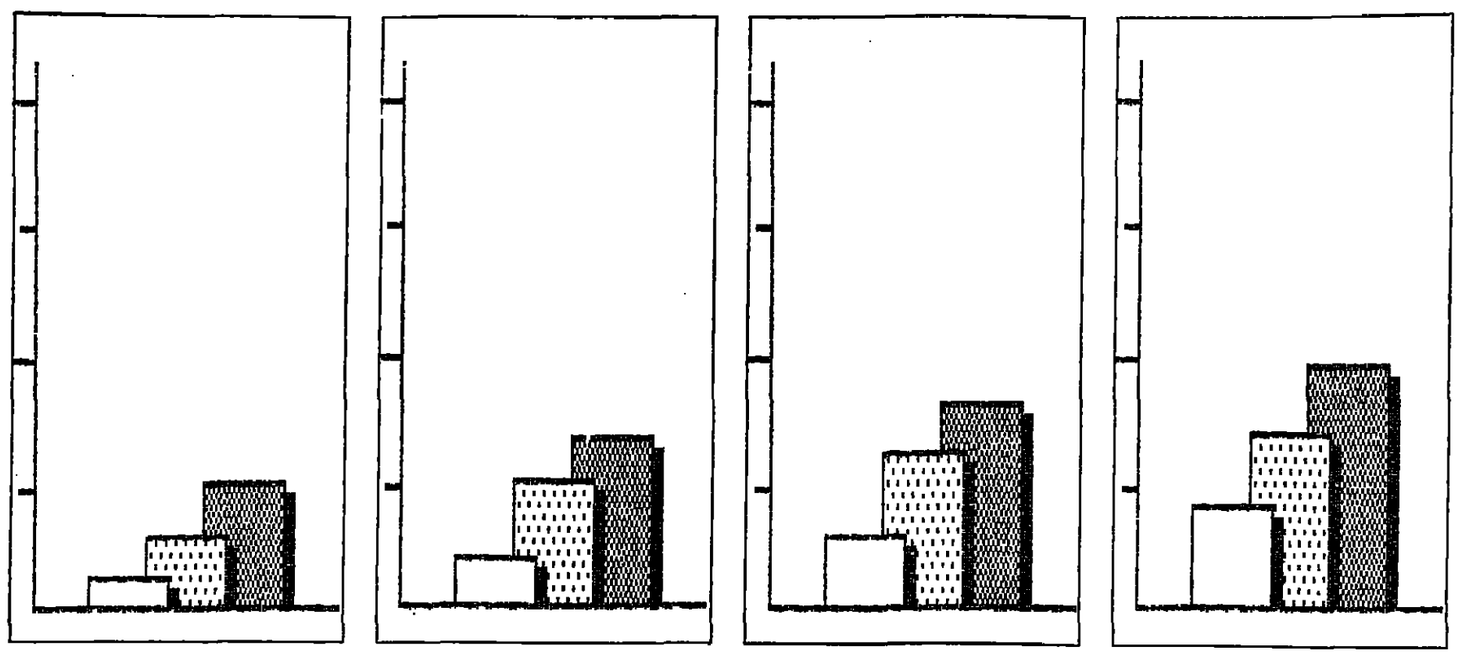
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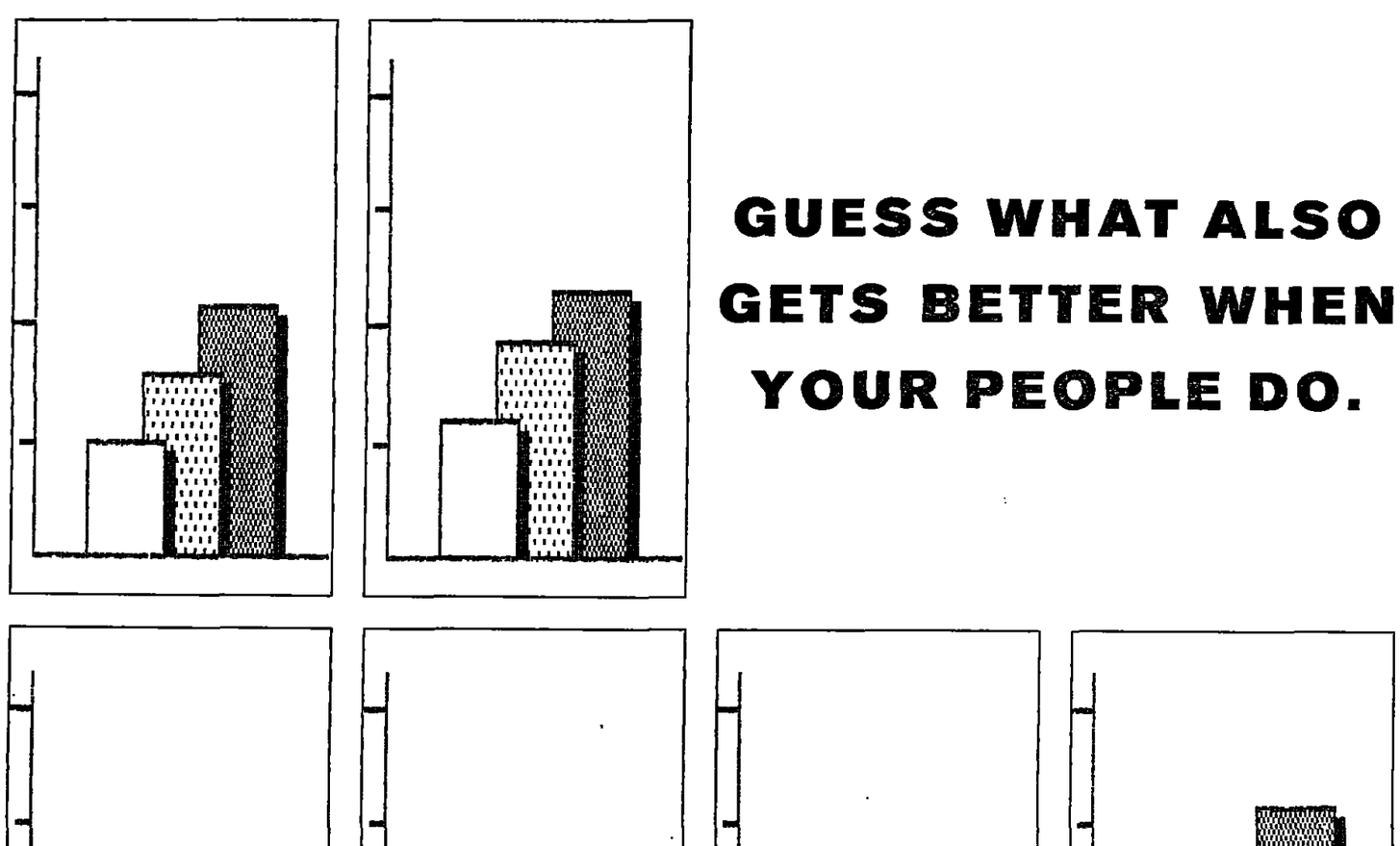
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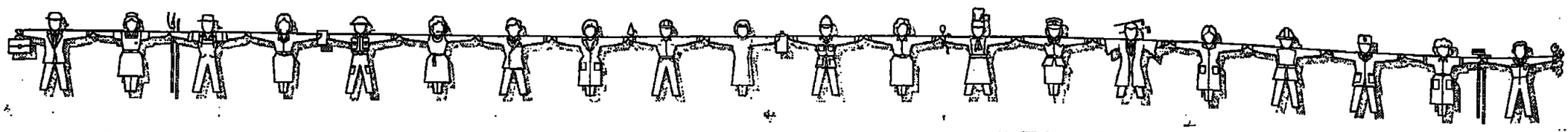
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	Nov 11	Nov 10		Nov 11	Nov 10		Nov 11	Nov 10
AMR Cp	32⅞	34	Firestone	33	32⅝	Pepsico	31⅝	31¼
ASA	45⅞	45	Fst Chicago	22⅝	22⅞	Pfizer	49⅛	49¼
Aetna Life	50⅞	49¾	Fst Int Bncp	40	40	Phelps Dod	38⅛	37⅝
Allied Signal	30¾	31⅛	Fst Penn C	8¾	8⅞	Philip Mor	86⅛	86½
Allis Chlm	1⅝	1⅝	FT Wachva	32½	33⅜	Philip Pet	11⅛	11⅛
Alcoa	42	42⅝	Ford Motor	71⅞	71½	Polaroid	22⅛	22⅝
Amax Inc	16⅛	15⅝	GAF Cp	42⅝	41⅝	Primerica	26⅛	26⅝
AMR Hess	25⅛	24½	GTE Cp	35¾	35⅞	Proct Gble	84½	82⅝
Am Brands	41¼	41⅛	Gen Cp	69⅝	70	Pub S E G	24⅛	24½
Am Cymnd	36⅜	35⅞	Gn Dynam	49¼	49⅛	Raytheon	66⅞	66⅝
Am Ele Pwr	26½	26	Gen Electric	43⅞	43⅝	Rykids Met	41¾	40
Amexs	23¾	22⅝	Gen Inst	24½	25½	Rockwell Int	18⅝	18⅝
Am Home	69⅝	67¼	Gen Mills	46⅛	45½	Royal Dutch	105⅝	103¼
Am Int Grp	63¾	62¼	Gen Motors	57¾	57½	SFE Sopac	49⅛	51⅝
Am Stand	35	35¼	Gen Pub Ut	24⅛	23⅝	Sara Lee	35¼	36
Am Telph	28⅝	28⅝	Genesco	3⅝	3¼	Schlumb	32½	32⅝
Amoco Cp	67⅛	66½	Georgia Pac	32¾	32	Scott Pap	64⅛	62½
Armco Steel	9	9⅛	Gillette	30	28⅝	Seagram	54⅛	54¾
Asarco Inc	23⅜	23⅝	Goodrich	31⅞	32½	Sears Roeb	35¾	34⅛
Ashland Oil	51⅛	51⅛	Goodyear	47⅞	45⅝	Shell Trans	68⅝	68¼
Atl Richfld	70⅜	69¾	Gould Inc	12¾	12¾	Singer	47⅞	48⅜
Avon Prod	24¼	23⅞	Grace Co	44⅝	43⅝	Smith Beck	48½	47⅜
Bk Boston	23	20⅝	Grt Atl Pac	35⅞	35½	Sony Cp	29⅝	29
Bank NY	30	30½	Greyhnd	25	25	Sth Cal Edi	32¾	32¾
Bankamer	8⅛	8⅜	Gruman	22⅝	22⅝	SW Bell	37⅛	36½
Bkrs Tst NY	30¾	30	Gulf & West	66	68	Squibb	75½	73½
Baxter	22⅝	21½	Heinz	38	38⅝	Stert Drug	50⅝	50⅛
Beth Steel	12	12⅛	Hercules	44⅞	43⅛	Stevens JP	28	28
Boeing	34⅜	35⅛	Hewlett Pk	48⅞	47½	Sun Comp	48⅝	48⅝
Boise Casc	58½	57½	Honeywell	56¾	57	TRW Inc	45	43¾
Borden	44	43½	IC Ind	28⅜	28⅜	Teledyne	269	273½
Bristl Meyr	38⅛	38⅝	ITT Cp	49⅛	47⅝	Tennaco	41¼	40⅝
BP	53⅜	52⅝	INCO	15⅞	14⅜	Texaco	29⅜	29
Brunswick	16¼	16¼	Ing Rand Wi	30	29⅝	Tex Eastn	24	24¼
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	22¾	21	Texas Inst	40⅝	40⅝
Burl Nth	59⅝	58	IBM	119½	117⅝	Tex Utl	29⅛	29½
CBS	165¼	165	Int Paper	35¼	34⅜	Textron	21⅝	21
CMS Engy	13¾	13⅜	Irving Bk	48	48¼	Travelers	34½	34½
CPC Int	37	36½	Jhsn & Jhsn	73½	72¼	USG	28	29
CSX Cp	25¼	24½	K Mart	28⅛	27¾	USX Cp	28⅛	27⅝
Cmpbell Sp	58⅛	56⅝	Kaisertech	9⅝	9⅝	Unilever Plc	32	30⅝
Can Pacific	15⅛	14⅛	Kerr McGee	33⅜	33⅝	Un Carbide	20½	20⅛
Caterpillar	55⅜	53⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	52⅞	50⅜	Un Pac Cp	51⅜	51⅛
Centri SW	30½	30⅜	Kraft	45⅝	44⅜	Unisys Cp	30⅜	29⅜
Champion	28⅛	27⅜	Kroger	26⅛	25½	Utd Brands	38⅞	38¼
Chase Man	27⅛	27	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅜	Utd Tech	35	34⅝
Chem NY	29¼	28⅝	Litton	74½	74⅜	Unocal	27⅜	26⅛
Chevron	39⅝	38⅝	Lockheed	39⅛	39⅝	Walter Jim	58⅞	59⅝
Chrysler	22⅜	23	Lucky Str	24½	24	Warn Lamb	69	64⅞
Citicorp	20⅛	20½	Man H'nver	28	28⅛	Wells Far	42⅝	42¼
Clark Eq	21⅞	22⅜	Manville	2⅛	2⅜	Westg El	45¾	46
Coca Cola	38¼	37⅝	Mapco	41⅛	41½	Weyerhsr	35¾	35
Colgate	38⅝	38⅝	Marine Mid	81½	80¼	Whirlpool	26	25⅞
Columb Gas	40⅛	40	Mt Marietta	38⅝	38⅛	Woolworth	34¾	33⅞
Cmb'tn Eng	25⅞	26½	Masco	23⅛	22⅝	Xerox Cp	56⅛	56½
Cmwlth Edi	29	28⅝	Mcdonalds	43⅞	42½	Zenith	13½	13¾
Cons Edis	44⅝	44¾	McDonnell	63¼	62			
Consol Ng	36½	35⅝	Mead Cp	29¼	29⅝			
Cont Data	21⅜	21½	Merck	176¼	173¾			
Corning Gl	46¾	46¼	Minsta Mng	56⅝	56½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	20½	21¼	Mobil	38¼	37⅜			
Curtiss Wrt	47	47½	Monsanto	69⅞	67⅜	Agnco Eag	21¾	23
Data Geni	20½	20⅝	Morgan Jp	34¼	34½	Alcan Alum	29⅝	29¾
Deere Co	30	30⅝	Motorola	39⅜	40¼	Algoma Sti	15¼	15¼
Delta Air	37⅛	37½	NCR	65⅝	63¾	Can Pacific	20	19⅝
Detroit Edi	14	13¾	NL Indstrs	6⅛	5⅞	Comnco	12½	11½
Digital Eq	130⅝	129½	Nat Distill	56	56½	Con Bathrst	15⅛	15⅜
Disney	51¾	50⅝	Nat Md Ent	18⅛	18⅛	Hawk S Can	19¼	19¼
Dow Chem	75⅝	76	Nat Semi	11⅞	11⅞	Hud Bay M	18¾	19
Dresstr Ind	22⅛	22	Norfolk Sth	22⅜	22¼	Imasco	25¼	25
Dupont	83¾	82¾	NW Bancrp	34¼	34⅝	Imperial Oil	56½	55½
Duke Pwr	45¾	45¾	Occid Petl	25⅝	24⅞	Int Pipe	40⅝	40½
East Kodak	48⅞	48¾	Ogden Cp	24⅞	24⅞	Royl Trstco	13	13½
Eaton Cp	65	64¾	Olin Cp	37¼	36⅝	Seagram	71½	72
Emerson El	28⅛	28⅛	PPG Ind	30⅜	29	Shelco 'A'	18⅝	18½
Emery Air	4⅛	4⅜	Pac Gas El	18	17⅞	Thmsn N 'A'	25⅝	24⅝
Exxon	39⅝	39⅝	Pan Am	3¼	3⅜	Varity Cp	3	3
Farah Inc	8⅛	8⅛	Penney JC	42⅜	42¼	WCT	14½	14¼
Fedders	6⅛	5⅝	Pennzoil	66¼	63½	Weston	31	30½

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 2	November 13	February 4	February 15

Call options were taken out on: 12/11/87 Beecham, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Storehouse, North Kalgurli Mines, Control Securities, Dares Estates, Anglo United, Charterhall, Astra Holdings, Explaura Holdings, Johnson & Firth Brown, Butte Mining, Southend Stadium, Camford Engineering, Rutland, Eagle Trust, Energy Capital, A & M Group, BP, Blue Arrow, Brunswick, Polly Peck, Lonrho, Unilever, Blacks Leisure, Midland Bank, Guinness, Next, Lasmo, Bula Resources, Wellcome, BOMS, Trusthouse Forte, Amstrad, Laura Ashley, Vickers, Campari, British Gas, Top Value Industries, Aran Energy.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon...	300	56	70	75	15	20	25
('340)	330	35	48	57	25	33	38
	360	20	30	45	40	47	52
Bass	750	70	100	110	35	50	60
('788)	800	45	75	90	58	75	90
	850	22	50	65	95	110	120
Brit Air	120	36	43	48	7	12	18
('146)	130	28	37	38	10	17	20
	140	22	30	35	13	22	26
Brit Corp	260	90	100	110	12	20	25
('325)	280	70	75	80	20	30	35
	300	50	60	75	25	35	50
Brit Gas	120	25	32	35	6	13	17
('134)	130	20	25	27	11	18	22
	140	—	20	25	—	33	38
BP	240	30	42	50	12	20	28
('254)	260	22	32	40	22	30	38
	280	—	23	33	—	43	50
Britoil	200	35	45	55	17	25	35
('215)	220	23	32	42	25	35	45
	240	16	23	30	37	48	57
Cons Gold	750	110	150	170	55	90	130
('805)	800	85	120	150	85	130	170
	850	60	100	130	120	180	215
Courtauld	300	70	83	90	18	27	40
('340)	330	55	60	73	32	42	50
	360	32	45	60	52	57	67
	390	20	32	42	70	77	90
Com Union	280	65	75	85	15	20	30
('324)	300	50	65	75	20	30	40
	330	35	50	60	35	55	60
C & W	260	72	85	100	12	20	30
('320)	280	58	75	87	18	30	38
	300	48	65	77	27	45	55
	330	34	50	65	45	64	73
GEC	160	22	35	42	10	20	25
('173)	180	15	23	33	25	30	37
	200	8	15	22	35	42	50
GKN	240	52	60	68	15	28	33
('270)	260	40	50	58	23	37	43
	280	28	40	50	33	48	53
	300	20	33	43	45	62	67
Grand Met	360	55	65	80	13	25	33
('389)	390	38	48	60	27	40	50
	420	25	35	48	45	58	65
	460	8	23	33	75	80	85
ICI	950	195	215	250	25	52	70
('1107)	1000	160	185	220	40	70	88
	1050	130	155	195	60	92	100
	1100	100	135	170	80	120	135
Jaguar	260	80	90	102	10	18	23
('330)	280	70	80	95	17	23	32
	300	55	70	85	25	32	42
Land Sec	390	83	95	110	17	23	27
('458)	420	60	70	87	32	37	42
	460	40	55	70	47	53	58
M & S	180	32	42	45	9	14	18
('199)	200	18	28	34	18	24	30
	220	9	18	28	30	36	42
R-Royce	110	22	28	37	12	15	20
('119)	120	17	23	30	17	20	27
	130	10	17	23	22	27	32
	140	6	13	18	28	33	38
Shell	950	125	160	175	45	80	95
('1015)	1000	100	130	155	65	105	120
	1050	75	105	130	95	130	145
Storehse	220	55	65	73	12	17	22
('259)	240	40	50	58	18	23	28
	260	25	40	47	25	30	38
	280	18	30	45	37	43	47
Trafalgar	260	57	70	78	10	17	20
('304)	280	40	52	60	20	27	33
	300	27	35	43	33	40	45
TSB	100	17	22	26	9	14	17
('106)	110	13	18	22	15	20	22
	120	9	12	16	22	25	27
Woolworth	260	60	70	80	12	17	22
('293)	280	45	55	65	25	30	30
	300	30	40	50	40	50	50
	330	17	30	40	50	65	70

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	100	28	34	42	8	11	20
('117)	110	20	27	33	10	18	20
	120	15	22	25	17	22	25
Barclays	420	75	80	95	20	30	40
('460)	460	45	60	70	35	45	55
	500	28	35	45	55	65	80
Beecham	360	105	115	125	6	15	22
('457)	390	82	95	105	12	25	33
	420	60	75	85	29	35	43
	450	35	58	65	32	55	65
Boots	220	32	40	45	13	18	23
('234)	240	17	29	34	27	32	37
	260	10	19	26	40	43	48
BTR	220	50	60	65	8	17	22
('260)	240	33	45	52	17	22	28
	260	22	33	40	28	35	40
Blue Circ	300	85	80	90	10	18	27
('352)	330	40	60	72	20	27	33
	360	—	48	58	—	38	45
Dixons	220	40	50	58	13	17	22
('240)	240	25	38	45	22	28	30
	260	15	27	35	35	38	43
De Beers	1050	100	—	—	60	—	—
('940)	1100	70	—	—	110	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers	1200	50	—	—	190	—	—
	1300	20	—	—	280	—	—
Glaxo	1000	140	200	240	30	60	80
('1115)	1050	105	175	215	45	80	100
	1100	85	145	190	65	105	125
	1150	60	125	170	90	130	150
Hanson	110	28	32	36	3	6	8
('135)	120	20	25	29	6	9	13
	130	14	18	23	10	13	17
	140	9	14	17	15	19	24
Lonrho	200	30	35	43	10	18	23
('214)	220	17	27	33	18	27	33
	240	—	18	23	—	37	45
	260	—	12	17	—	55	63
Midland	330	55	65	75	20	30	40
('358)	360	35	50	60	35	45	55
	390	15	30	40	50	65	75
Sears	120	21	26	31	5	8	13
('135)	130	15	21	25	11	13	17
	140	10	16	20	17	20	24
Tesco	140	26	36	40	4	9	13
('160)	160	—	26	30	—	18	22
	167	8	—	—	18	—	—
Thorn EMI	420	80	105	120	17	30	35
('485)	460	60	80	95	30	40	52
	500	35	60	70	50	65	75
	550	20	33	50	90	100	110
THF	180	33	40	48	15	25	30
('199)	200	20	30	35	22	35	38
	220	11	17	23	42	45	46
Unilever	420	90	100	110	18	27	40
('478)	460	45	65	75	30	40	50
	500	25	45	55	50	65	75
Wellcome	300	60	77	85	10	23	33
('349)	330	40	55	70	20	35	47
	360	23	40	55	35	45	60

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAA	80	30	32	37	2	8	12
('107)	90	22	27	30	4	12	18
	100	10	20	25	6	17	22
Brit Aero	280	—	70	70	—	20	35
('311)	300	20	47	58	10	25	48
	330	6	33	50	27	47	63
BAT Ind	390	85	95	105	1	10	23
('466)	420	58	75	85	2½	20	35
	460	25	55	65	13	38	52
	500	6	35	50	38	57	68
Brit Tele	220	17	32	42	4	17	25
('234)	240	4	21	32	12	27	35
	260	1	13	23	30	40	45
Cadbury	200	25	36	46	2	10	18
('221)	220	7	25	32	6	20	25
	240	2	17	23	22	33	36
Guinness	240	25	40	50	5	15	22
('264)	280	8	27	37	12	22	30
	280	2	18	27	27	40	45
Ladbroke	280	40	55	65	3	13	22
('313)	300	20	43	50	6	20	32
	330	3	23	40	20	33	45
LASMO	200	45	62	75	3	12	20
('244)	220	30	48	57	8	18	28
	240	15	38	48	13	27	38
Pilkingtn	180	45	57	70	4	8	13
('220)	200	25	40	55	8	17	22
	220	10	33	42	17	25	32
	240	2	22	32	27	35	40
Plessey	140	15	28	37	5	15	18
('149)	160	3	20	24	17	23	30
	180	2	11	17	33	40	45
P & O	420	58	85	100	3	12	17
('476)	460	25	55	70	15	30	37
	500	7	33	53	37	53	58
Prudential	750	90	130	150	10	30	60
('833)	800	50	100	125	25	45	80
	850	13	65	95	45	80	100
Racal	200	23	42	53	3	11	17
('221)	220	8	29	40	9	22	25
	240	2	20	30	25	34	40
RTZ	260	60	85	110	3	20	33
('310)	280	40	65	90	8	35	45
	300	30	50	75	17	50	65
Vaal Reef	330	—	35	60	—	70	85
('91)	110	1½	7	12	17	28	33
	120	1	5	9	30	37	43
Tr 11¾%	130	1	3	6	40	47	53
1991	102	5⅝	5⅝	—	⅛	⅛	—
('£108)	104	3⅝	3⅝	—	⅛	⅛	—
	106	1⅝	2⅛	—	⅛	⅜	—
	108	1	1⅝	—	1	2	—
Tr 11¾%	110	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	⅛	⅜	1⅛
03/07	112	8⅝	8⅝	9⅛	⅛	⅜	—
('£121)	114	6⅝	7⅛	7⅝	⅜	1⅝	2⅛
	116	4⅝	5⅝	6⅝	½	1⅝	2⅝
	118	2⅝	4⅝	5⅝	⅝	2⅝	3⅛

FT-SE INDEX ('1707)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1550	180	210	243	275	30	65	90	110
1600	143	180	213	247	45	85	110	132
1650	110	156	185	222	60	105	133	155
1700	80	130	163	197	85	130	160	180
1750	60	105	142	175	115	157	187	210
1800	45	85	123	155	145	190	217	240
1850	30	70	105	—	185	225	250	—
1900	20	55	90	—	225	260	285	—

November 12, 1987 Total: 32127 Calls 23964 Puts 8163 FT-SE: Calls 1215 Puts 1070
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	86 +7
Anglo Leasing	175 +5
Banner Homes (105p)	81 +8
Brit Pet P/P	79½ +2½
Butte Mining (100p)	100 +20
Cauldon	24 +3
Chartsearch	23 +½
Co of Designers (100p)	108 +3
Dolphin Packg (106p)	110 +15
Explaura	28 +6½
Fairway Ldn	78
ISA Intl (80p)	98 +15
Kingston Oil (100p)	78 +10
Knobs Knockers	88 +3
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	135
Marcol Group	68 -3
Power Corp	72 +2
Record (88p)	68 +2
Rolls-Royce (170p)	118 +2
Ross Consumer (165p)	190
Rural Plan	88
Sec Archives	163 +8
Shaftsbury (180p)	118 +15
Stanhope Props (250p)	134 +4
Sykes Pickavant	121
Tubular Exhib	21
URS Intl	66
USDC Inv	121 +1
Wilshaw Secs	25 +2
Zetters Les	131 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anns Bacher N/P	3
Cityvision N/P	⅛
Eagle Trust N/P	⅜
Feedex N/P	2½ -½
Southend Stadium N/P	½
Securiguard N/P	⅜
St Ives N/P	⅛
TR Energy N/P	⅜

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscott	200	230	nc
56	18	Aber Am Pet	22	27	nc
150	110	Allied Ins	125	135	+1
315	38	Amercoeur	37	42	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	65	70	nc
285	116	Broadcast	175	195	-5
192	61	Camotech	70	80	+8
103	45	Catalyst	56	60	+5
203	143	Chelsea Art	150	165	nc
110	40	Chemex Intl	37	47	+2
159	100	Cornac	97	107	+2
151	50	Corton Bch	80	85	+15
208	135	Crown Eye	130	140	nc
68	11	Egerton	19	21	+5
45	9	Do Wrnts	9	11	nc
188	65	Far E Res	63	73	nc
110	63	Gardner (J)	60	70	+2
53	20	Honorbnh	28	31	+4
73	43	Kemp (PE)	45	50	+3
181	56	Leading Lsr	68	73	+8

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP

New York surges in early trade

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street blue chips ran into profit-taking in early trading yesterday after a sharp rally on news of a cut in the US merchandise trade deficit in September from the previous month. The market remained strong.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after hitting a high of 1,964, was up 50.40 at 1949.60 at one stage when the transport indicator was 13.28 higher at 747.57. Advancing issues led declining shares by 10-to-one.

High technology stocks were leaders with IBM at 121⅝, up 2⅜; Digital Equipment at 134, up 3⅝; and Hewlett-Packard at 50½, up 2⅜. In semiconductors, Texas Instruments rose to 43, up 2; and Motorola to 43, up 3.

Late buying in Tokyo adds 2.4% to index

From David Watts, Tokyo

The dollar firmed and the Tokyo Stock Exchange market posted a strong gain in the calmest day in Tokyo for a week.

The dollar recovered briefly to Y135 before closing at Y134.80 up Y0.45 on Wednesday's close, reflecting market rumours that agreement had been reached between the US government and Congress on a cut in the Federal budget deficit.

The currency fluctuated in a narrow band as most dealers awaited the US trade figures for September due to be released after the close of trading for the day.

Prices on the stock exchange opened sharply higher, levelled off at the end of the morning session, and then continued their upward climb.

Late buying drove the market higher to post its seventh largest single-day gain.

Having lost 649.70 points on Wednesday it closed 509.74 points higher, up 2.4 per cent, at 21,546.50 pulling away from the crucial Y20,000 mark that had caused such concern the previous day.

Advancing shares led declining shares by about six to one in turnover of 380 million against 600 million on Wednesday.

The market stands 19.1 per cent off its record high of October 14.

Bargain-hunting centred on financial shares, which had fallen for the last four days. Securities houses, banks and insurers surged.

Nomura Securities gained Y160 to Y3,040.

Electronics, general manufacturing, precision instrument, auto and other export shares also gained as did railway, communications, construction, airline, real estate, and trading houses.

Shares of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) gained Y50,000 to Y2.65 million. The government's three-day sale of 1.95 million NTT shares ended with yesterday's close.

Brokers said all the shares, offered at Y2.55 million each (£10,400) were sold.

The first section index climbed 36.64 points to 1,767.23 after slipping 48.99 on Wednesday.

The second section index rose 20.55 to 2,269.28 after losing 57.33 points on Wednesday.

SYDNEY

Shares bounce back after overseas boost

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Australian shares rebounded yesterday, boasting their fourth biggest increase, after the tenative overnight recovery in overseas markets.

The main market indicator, the All-Ordinaries Index, recouped Wednesday's losses, leaping 54 points or 4.7 per cent to 1,205 points as buyers chased bargains after the turnaround in New York, London and Tokyo.

Blue-chip stocks led the surge. BHP rose Aus 34 cents to Aus$7, The News Corporation Aus$1.20 to Aus$9.80 and Western Mining Aus 45 cents to Aus$4.80.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's companies recouped part of Wednesday's heavy fall when Bell Group climbed 35 per cent to Aus$1.85 and Bell Resources Aus 20 cents to Aus$1.20.

In spite of the scale of yesterday's increase, brokers remained wary of the market's direction. They are nervously awaiting Wall Street's reaction to today's release of the US trade figures.

One broker said: "During the profit reporting season two months ago, our market was almost oblivious to New York, but it now rules with an iron hand."

Most analysts were encouraged by yesterday's signs of resumed overseas interest, the first since last month's crash. Turnover totalled 147 million shares, the highest this week. It was worth Aus$249 million (£97.6 million).

HONG KONG

Damage 'limited' for exchange members

The market crash has placed three small brokerage firms in financial difficulties but for most members of the local stock exchange the damage has been limited, according to Mr Robert Fell, a senior chief executive at the exchange.

He said one of the ailing companies would probably face an "orderly liquidation" and the others have been suspended from trading. He did not name any of the firms.

He told reporters it was too early to assess the full extent of the damage from the plunge in prices since October 19, but he added: "The signs are we have no big crashes on our hands."

Mr Fell said members had received about 30 bad cheques worth a total of HK$5 million (£358,000) since the crash.

"Not great global sums," he remarked, pointing that financial damage would be limited because most brokers had an extremely profitable year ahead of the stock slide.

Mr Fell, the former Commissioner for Securities and Banking, took up his newly-created post this month in a move to bolster market confidence.

Shortly before he took office, many brokers had demanded payment by cashier's cheque, fearing smaller firms might be in financial difficulty.

Mr Fell said he met eight leading brokerage houses to persuade them to accept cheques that were not guaranteed by banks.

APPOINTMENTS

Sainsbury names new directors

J Sainsbury: Mr JHG Barnes will become joint managing director from January 1. Mr David Sainsbury becomes deputy chairman from January 1. Mr DA Quarmby will be joint manag

Eurotunnel Share Offer starts next week

What is Eurotunnel, exactly?

It's the private sector group formed to build and operate the first ever fixed link between Britain and the Continent: the Channel Tunnel.

How long is the Share Offer on for?

It starts next week and will end on Friday, 27th November 1987.

Will there be travel privileges?

Yes. They'll be for individuals who buy shares in the offer and hold on to them. In return for an annual registration fee of about £10 (at July 1987 prices), these shareholders will be able to travel by Eurotunnel shuttles with their vehicle and everyone in it for just £1 each way. The number of £1 trips will depend upon how many shares individual shareholders buy and hold (see table below).

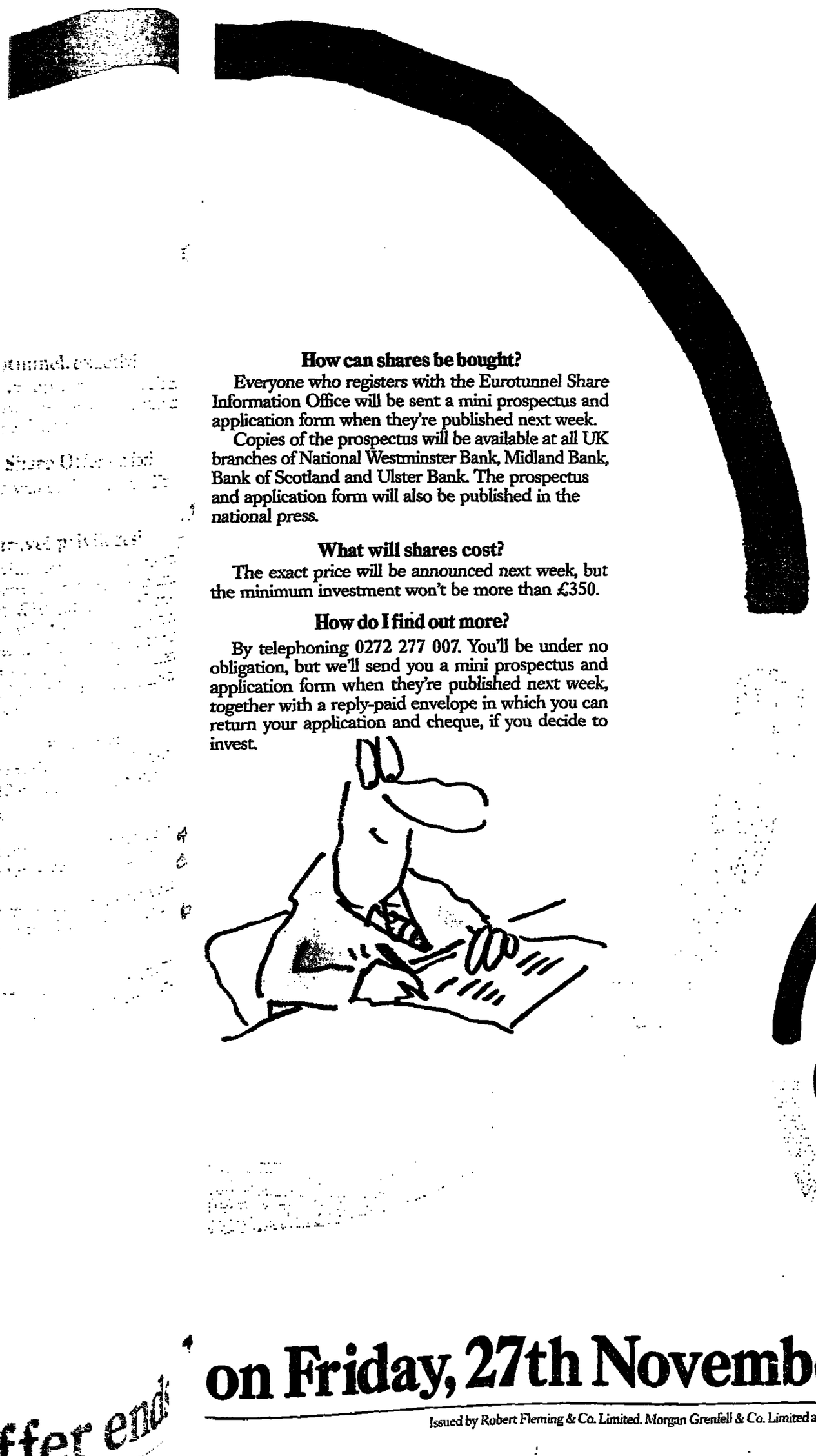
No. of shares	Entitlement
100	One return shuttle trip to be taken within 12 months of the System opening.
500	One return shuttle trip per year for the first ten years of operation.
1,000	Two return shuttle trips per year until the end of the Concession period, in 2042.
1,500	An unlimited number of shuttle trips until the end of the Concession period.



Eurotunnel Share Offer ends

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EURO TUNNEL

A breakthrough for Britain

How can shares be bought?

Everyone who registers with the Eurotunnel Share Information Office will be sent a mini prospectus and application form when they're published next week.

Copies of the prospectus will be available at all UK branches of National Westminster Bank, Midland Bank, Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank. The prospectus and application form will also be published in the national press.

What will shares cost?

The exact price will be announced next week, but the minimum investment won't be more than £350.

How do I find out more?

By telephoning 0272 277 007. You'll be under no obligation, but we'll send you a mini prospectus and application form when they're published next week, together with a reply-paid envelope in which you can return your application and cheque, if you decide to invest.

Phone: 0272 277 007

on Friday, 27th November 1987

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0845 717373 (Lindair)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Fixed	116.6	122.4	-1.0	9.51
Hi Inc Equity	99.5	105.4p	+0.4	5.47
Worldwide Bd	106.0	109.2e	-0.6	4.81
American Gth	120.0	126.3	-2.1	1.82
Asian Pacific	52.4	56.0	-2.1	1.76
Assets & Earns	113.3	121.1e	+4.5	1.98
Capital Reg	76.8	77.2	-0.7	1.31
Comm Energy	88.4	94.3	-5.1	1.19
Euro Capital	58.9	62.9	-3.8	0.27
General	128.5	137.7	+5.7	5.27
Japan	71.8	76.4p	+0.4	
UK Gth Inc	102.6	109.7e	+4.2	2.06
Do Acc	150.3	160.7e	+6.1	2.00
US Emerg Co	33.6	35.9e		0.00
Income Gth	207.1	221.4e	+7.8	3.43
Master Acc	93.4	97.8	+0.1	4.32
American Inc	97.9	104.5	+0.5	1.30
Ethical Tst	30.9	33.4	+1.1	3.25

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
40/1, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 9464

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	95.3	101.5	+0.2	1.26
Exempt	329.9	351.5e	+11.0	5.43
Far Eastern	161.1	173.1	+4.7	0.10
Fin & Prop	72.4	76.7	+3.5	2.83
Hi Yield	93.8	97.7e	+1.6	5.50
Income & Gth	200.9	214.7	+6.8	3.16
Int Earnings	167.3	172.8e	+5.8	3.18
Int Growth Inc	76.7	81.7	+2.0	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	118.0	126.0	+3.2	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	108.4	115.9	+1.5	2.62
Portfolio Inc	121.2	127.6e	-0.1	9.76
Sel Co Div Inc	80.2	85.0	+1.6	4.51
Sel Co Gth	251.3	269.2	+12.3	1.82
Spec Sits Inc	116.9	122.8c	+2.8	1.95
UK Growth	343.4	363.8e	+13.7	2.55

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar House, Shelley Close, Basildon, Essex SN11 1EL
0793 28291 dealings 0793 616396

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	270.8	287.0	+8.5	5.04
Equity Inc	139.5	162.7	+4.7	4.76
High Yield	157.1	166.5e	+4.7	5.30
Managed	379.9	402.7	+14.1	4.39
Amer Inc	25.9	27.4	+0.3	4.53
World Ass Val	22.0	23.4	+0.4	1.03
Japan	113.2	120.0	+2.5	0.07
Spec of Amer	109.9	120.9c	+3.5	0.17
Asset Value	258.0	273.5c	+9.7	3.20
G'ees Earn	186.4	197.6	+5.4	2.63
Recovery	98.1	103.4e	+2.7	2.74
UK Spec Sit	202.2	214.3	+4.4	1.52
Smlr Co	151.7	160.8	+4.9	2.21
Capital	222.4	235.7e	+9.8	2.93
Amer Spec Sit	51.0	54.0e	+2.3	1.34
International	92.2	97.6	+3.1	1.08
Growth & Inc	132.1	146.4e	+2.4	5.29
Euro Gth	17.0	18.1	+0.1	1.08
Pacific	170.8	181.9	+0.1	0.01
Snd Smlr Co	187.1	196.3	+4.1	2.19

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
28, Cotswold Street, London EC1
01-374 8881

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	37.0	39.5	-0.3	2.31
Australian	14.9	16.9	+0.2	2.19
Japan & Gen	126.1	141.5	+0.2	0.18
High Income	49.6	52.8	+2.9	5.78
International	76.0	81.0	+1.2	0.66
Income Growth	57.1	60.9	+3.9	4.50
Gld/Fixed Int	97.2	103.4	+1.1	10.29
Global Inc	32.7	34.9	+0.7	5.56
Spec Sit	53.4	56.9e	+4.1	1.55

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	70.3	74.7	+2.9	2.87
Euro Gth Inc	53.9	57.3	+1.1	1.56
Extra Income	83.8	89.1e	+2.4	5.35
General	148.0	157.4e	+6.7	3.16
Gth & Fixed Inc	126.3	134.3	+3.5	5.81
Income Tst	346.7	368.6e	+12.0	4.10
Int Income	48.6	51.9	+0.5	4.39
Smlr Co Inc	38.1	38.4	+1.3	0.04

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 9022

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australia	49.9	54.3e	+1.3	0.00
Eastern	54.5	59.6	+1.8	0.00
Equity Inc	58.9	64.7e	+2.1	4.10
Europe	105.8	113.9	+0.5	1.57
Exempt Tst	47.8	52.6		3.00
Growth & Inc	65.4	71.5	+2.1	1.90
Global Gth	54.2	59.5e		1.50
Japan Spec	111.2	120.1	+2.0	0.10
Japan Trust	119.1	128.7	+1.7	0.00
First Europe	92.1	99.6	+0.8	0.20
First Japan	79.8	86.5e	+1.7	0.26
First N Amer	35.7	38.1	+0.8	1.10
First Smlr Co	41.7	44.5	+2.7	1.80
N Amer Spec	34.9	38.4	+0.9	0.39

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Pennymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	138.9	147.7	..	1.49
Smlr Co Acc	286.1	304.9e	..	1.27
Do Inc	182.9	192.9e	..	1.21
High Income	72.6	77.2	..	4.79
Income	92.6	97.9	..	4.77
Main Portfl Inc	74.3	78.1	..	2.00
Do Acc	126.0	134.1	..	2.00
Nth American	44.1	46.9	..	0.25
Orient	73.6	77.3e	..	0.15
Exempt	213.7	227.4e	..	0.00
Recovery	53.9	57.0c	..	0.22
German	22.0	23.5e	..	1.53
Int Recov	21.6	23.0	..	1.86
Europe	15.2	16.2e	..	2.07

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2800 01-638 2346

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FellowShip Inc	50.3	53.5e	+1.5	1.83
General Inc 4	217.5	228.1	-1.5	2.56
Do Acc 4	352.3	368.5	-2.4	2.56
Income Fd 3	101.0	106.9e	..	5.48
Do Acc 3	185.7	197.4	..	5.48
Int Inc 2	94.3	99.3	..	0.60
Do Acc 2	128.2	132.8	..	0.60
Smlr Co 5	89.7	97.2	..	2.04
Do Acc	89.0	93.8	..	2.04

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NS
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	27.8	29.9e	+1.5	3.07
Income	35.2	38.1e	+1.8	4.34
Far East	20.8	22.3	+0.3	0.28
Nth American	23.2	24.9e	+0.3	0.25
Global	35.7	38.3	+1.0	0.66
European	34.6	37.0	+1.3	1.43
Japan	62.3	66.7e	+0.4	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-623 8000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	350.5	372.9e	+25.1	1.85
Income	315.8	336.0e	+12.8	4.76
Nth Amer	203.1	216.1	+4.9	2.23

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	437.5	..	..	4.69
Fixed Int	145.2	..	..	9.85
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.65

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AD
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	0.43	●	..	4.85
Acc	£12.7185		..	9.41
Deposit	100.0		..	

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/76 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-588 8382
S/C Spec Sit 57.2 60.5 .. 0.46

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	17.5	18.7	+0.9	0.00
Asian Gth	20.1	21.3	+1.1	0.60
Dragon Gth	18.9	19.8	+0.7	0.00
Equity Inc	46.2	49.0	+1.7	5.00
European Gth	21.6	23.0e	+1.9	0.50
Gen Equity	42.9	45.9	+1.5	2.16
G/F Interl Gth	32.7	34.5	-0.2	6.00
Gth & Fixed Inc	25.3	26.7c	-0.2	8.60
Int Income Tst	24.8	26.2e	+0.9	5.30
Japan Gth	34.8	37.1	+1.0	0.00
Pacigrow Gth	25.1	26.6	+1.5	2.20
Special Sits	31.2	33.4	+2.3	0.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 5618

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	49.4	52.5	+2.0	2.17
Do Acc	49.6	52.8	+2.0	2.17
Income Inc	52.9	56.3	+1.9	2.91
Do Acc	53.8	57.2	+1.9	2.91
Worldwide Inc	39.4	42.2	+1.1	1.16
Do Acc	39.5	42.3	+1.1	1.16
Gamma Inc	29.6	31.5	+1.3	1.04
Do Acc	29.6	31.5	+1.3	1.04
Far East	..	..	..	..
Amer Gth	..	..	..	..
Euro Gth	..	..	..	..

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	97.2	105.1	..	0.95
Canadian Gth	16.7	18.0	..	1.50
European Tst	78.2	84.5	..	..
Growth Tst	223.0	241.1	..	3.55
High Income	266.5	288.5e	..	5.85
Int Tech Tst	93.2	100.8	..	..
Japanese Tst	161.8	174.9	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	40.7	43.7e	+1.0	1.20
Euro Spec Sits	31.5	34.7	+1.3	1.30
International	41.9	43.6	+1.2	3.50
N Amer Gth	34.5	37.5	+1.5	1.80
Pacific Gth	44.1	47.5e	..	1.50
UK Gth Acc	51.5	56.0	+2.7	0.50
Do Dist	50.3	54.7	+2.6	0.50
UK Income	51.3	55.2	+2.4	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3662

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	51.7	55.4p	+1.8	1.81
Capital Fd	101.8	112.5	+3.4	1.51
Eurofund	19.9	21.2	+0.4	2.36
Growth & Inc	140.2	152.1	+4.3	3.70
High Dist Fd	128.2	138.9e	+3.2	5.22
International	184.5	176.5	+5.6	1.27
Pacific Fd	16.7	17.9	+0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.6	22.3	+0.6	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	32.6	34.8	+0.1	..
Tokyo Fd	154.0	164.3	+3.1	0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.9	117.7e	..	2.53
Ex Japan 3	110.3	113.6	..	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	263.5	281.5	..	0.36
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0e	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	74.3	78.8	+3.0	3.09
Do Acc	76.8	81.5	+3.1	2.99
UK Gth Acc	105.7	112.2	+5.7	2.45
UK High Inc	94.7	99.9e	+4.7	5.47
N Amer Acc	58.6	62.5	+0.2	1.12
Far East Acc	93.5	99.0	+2.6	0.78
European Acc	62.5	66.8	+0.9	1.57
UK Gt Co Inc	63.6	67.7	-0.3	7.86
Int Spec Sits	34.0	36.3	+0.9	1.79

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford
RM1 3LS
0708 68866
Endurance 98.3 104.6e .. 1.27

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 434468

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	77.3	82.3e	+2.2	3.66
High Income	82.3	87.6e	+1.7	5.08
Prop Fd Inter	92.4	98.4	+1.3	4.27
Tst Of Inv Tsts	71.3	75.9	+1.6	1.96
Spec Sits Tst	78.5	83.6	+2.5	2.85
Nth Amer Tst	45.6	48.6	-0.6	1.83
Far East Tst	76.1	81.0	+0.7	0.46
Int Growth	42.2	44.9	+0.9	1.78
European Tst	36.9	39.3	+1.9	1.76

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry
CV1 2WU
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	159.9	170.1e	+11.1	3.56
Do Inc	134.3	142.9e	+9.3	3.56
Higher Inc Acc	209.2	307.6e	+18.6	4.77
Do Inc	202.1	295.2e	+14.5	4.77
Gld/Fixed Acc	110.6	116.3	+1.9	7.98
Do Inc	86.1	90.6	-1.5	7.98
N Amer Acc	99.2	105.5e	..	0.28
Far East Acc	161.4	174.8e	-0.4	0.12
Euro Tst Acc	119.6	127.1	-3.0	0.22
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Fxd Interest	57.8	61.5	-1.3	10.00
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Japan	123.9	132.2	-3.3	..
Man Interest	104.5	111.3	+0.2	0.63
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Do Acc	152.1	160.9	+2.3	1.09
Capital Inc	238.0	251.8e	+7.8	2.11
Do Acc	269.4	310.4e	+9.9	2.11
Core/Gth Inc	92.3	97.6	+1.5	5.19
Do Acc	127.3	134.7	+1.9	5.19
European Inc	49.9	52.8	+1.4	1.10
Do Acc	50.1	53.0	+1.4	1.10
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Japan/Gen Inc	85.7	90.6	+2.9	..
Do Acc	86.6	91.6	+2.9	..
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Do Acc	45.3	48.1	..	1.04
Fxd Interest Di	115.6	122.8e	..	10.09
Int Gth Dist	146.2	155.5e	..	10.09
Do Acc	146.2	155.5e	..	1.54
International	41.9	43.6	+1.2	1.54
N Amer Gth	34.5	37.5	+1.5	1.80
Pacific Gth	44.1	47.5e	..	1.50
UK Gth Acc	51.5	56.0	+2.7	0.50
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British Acc	63.7	68.5	+4.6	2.12
Do Dist	54.4	58.5	+4.0	2.12
Common Stat	54.2	58.2	+2.8	1.00
European Tst	38.0	40.9	-1.8	0.75
Exempt Acc	55.5	59.7	+1.1	0.00
Far East Tst	104.5	112.3	..	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	27.2	29.3e	-0.2	8.80
Frontier Mkts	21.6	23.2	..	0.00
Int Fxd Interest	23.9	25.5	-0.1	9.40
Global Fd Acc	144.2	155.0e	..	0.40
Do Dist	136.3	146.5e	..	0.40
Gold Share Tst	13.6	14.6c	+0.8	0.05
Hedged Amer	25.5	27.4	+0.2	0.00
High Income	27.9	30.0s	+1.0	5.67
Hong Kong Tst	25.1	27.0	+0.6	0.80
Income Fd	89.8	96.4	+3.8	3.13
Japan Tst	104.0	111.8	..	0.00
Managed Expt	240.3	250.5e	+8.5	2.50
Oil & Energy	35.6	38.3	+2.5	2.60
Spec Sit Tst	100.5	108.1	+8.6	1.26
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American Inc	50.0	53.5	+0.2	3.57
European Gth	45.5	48.4s	+0.6	1.19
Gold & Minrls	49.8	53.2	+1.7	0.65
Japan Gth	46.8	49.8e	-1.3	..
Pacific Inc	92.3	98.7	+2.0	0.27
Pacific Strat	35.0	37.4	+0.2	0.41
UK Prog Inc	85.4	89.5	+6.2	4.43
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Pacific	216.4	229.0	+4.8	0.00
Prop Share	292.2	309.3	+14.9	1.28
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N Amer Tst	79.3	84.4	+2.0	0.94
Pacific Gth	71.8	76.4e	+0.9	0.00
Recovery	266.5	272.7e	+6.7	2.67
St Vincent Inc	91.4	93.6	+2.5	5.89
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Equity Income	90.8	96.3e	+3.0	5.75
European Tst	71.1	75.4	+1.7	1.22
High Income	72.0	76.4	+1.4	5.13
Int Sits Tst	46.1	48.9	-0.1	1.47
Japan/Fr East	95.9	101.8e	+2.3	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	48.5	51.5c	+0.6	1.28
Res & Assets	52.8	57.1	+1.9	0.00
Scandinavian	55.1	59.1	-0.1	1.11
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Do Acc	66.3	74.8	+2.3	2.26
European	184.0	202.2e	-7.3	0.89
Euro Gth Tst	132.1	141.3	+3.4	0.00
Euro Smlr Co	71.3	78.5e	+4.8	0.19
Extra Income	193.5	219.0	+5.7	3.63
Financial Tst	147.2	172.3e	+5.0	2.04
Fxd Interest	56.6	60.8	-0.1	8.68
Gilt Inc	49.9	52.9	+1.1	7.57
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Global Resrce	66.7	75.3	..	0.00
Global Tech	83.0	92.2	..	0.15
Gold	36.9	39.5e	+1.6	0.00
High Income	199.6	224.5e	+5.9	4.19
Hong Kong	41.8	46.2	..	0.40
Inc & Gth Inc	162.3	174.6	+6.3	3.04
Income Acc	324.1	350.7	+12.9	3.04
Income Fd Inc	130.3	143.5e	..	0.36
Japan Spec Sits	165.2	180.3e	..	0.00
Japan Tst	154.5	168.0	..	0.00
Nth American	101.9	114.4	+1.5	0.55
Pacific Spc Co	65.5	71.9e	..	0.01
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Recovery Tst	111.8	117.1e	+5.2	1.32
Stg & Mstry	24.9	27.2	..	0.19
Smlr Co Div	148.9	161.1e	+3.1	3.88
Spec Sits Inc	141.8	154.3	+4.8	1.76
Spec Sits Tst	201.7	220.5e	+8.5	1.06
Worldwide	353.4	426.5e	..	1.14
Euro Expt	90.8	97.7	+1.9	2.04
Glob Tec Expt	69.0	82.7	..	0.00
Gt Brit Exempt	135.7	148.9	+2.9	0.00
Japan Expt	157.1	180.5	..	0.01
N Amer Expt	67.3	73.1c	+1.2	1.03
Pacific Exempt	189.3	197.0e	..	0.00
Smlr Co Exempt	141.4	156.5e	+2.1	1.12
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Far East	105.4	111.8	-3.0	2.43
Financial	352.9	373.9e	+34.7	2.37
Fxd Interest	97.1	102.9	+0.4	8.97
US & General	39.5	42.2	+0.9	1.10
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10	Hong Kong Land	Property	
11	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
12	Emess	Electricals	
13	Bimid Qualcast	Industrials A-D	
14	Graves	Industrials E-K	
15	Forward Tech	Electricals	
16	Transport Dev	Industrials S-Z	
17	Sandell Perkins	Building, Roads	
18	BBA	Industrials A-D	
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30	Treat	Building, Roads	
31	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
32	Geest	Foods	
33	Dowding & Mills	Electricals	
34	Hollas	Drapery,Stores	
35	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
36	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
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38	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
39	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
40	KCA Drilling	Oil & Gas	
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283	124	Bellhaven				5.1		
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248	137	Burtons	172	173		31.1		
238	145	Bulmer (H P)				7.9		
355	165	Bulmer (Wm) 'A'				12.5		
283	157	Burtons				7.9

Chancery Division

Law Report November 13 1987

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Taxpayer's default by accountants

Pleasants v Atkinson (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment November 12]

For income tax purposes professional accountants employed by a taxpayer could commit wilful default on his behalf notwithstanding an express finding by commissioners that the taxpayer himself was unaware of any misleading information being included in his tax returns. In such circumstances an assessment to make good any loss of tax could be raised on the taxpayer under the provisions of section 36 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 outside the normal six-year time limit.

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Richard John Pleasants, an architect, from a determination by Bedford general commissioners confirming a further assessment to Case I, Schedule D income tax made on him for 1972-73 in the sum of £9,018 in respect of profits from the trade of property developing.

Mr William M. Rose for the taxpayer; Mr Nicholas Warren for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that the taxpayer's accounts were at the relevant time prepared by a firm of accountants, S. Northwood & Co, 94 Midland Road, Bedford. One of the partners in the firm was an old friend of the taxpayer.

The accounts for 1972-73 showed that certain costs of constructing a private residence for his own use had been "put through" the taxpayer's property development accounts.

The commissioners found that the taxpayer was advised by his accountants that it was proper for both VAT and income-tax purposes to treat such expenditure in that way. Further, they found that the taxpayer had accepted the advice and that although the relevant accounts submitted to the Revenue were misleading, the taxpayer was not aware of that and therefore was not himself guilty of wilful default.

However, they found that the accountants should have been aware that the accounts included substantial sums of private expenditure and they were accordingly guilty of wilful default committed on behalf of the taxpayer.

Doubtless it was unusual for there to be a finding that a taxpayer was entirely innocent but his accountants guilty of wilful default.

There was such a finding in *Clixby v Pountney* ([1968] Ch 719) that was commented on by Mr Justice Cross as being "curious". But there was no logical inconsistency between the two findings.

The question for decision was whether on the facts found it was open to the commissioners to infer that the accountants were guilty of wilful default. It was clear that they were of the opinion that the inclusion of the taxpayer's private expenditure in his trading accounts was so gross an error that no accountants in the absence of some unusual explanation, could have thought that it was a proper thing to do.

No one from the accountants gave evidence before the commissioners. Thus they had no explanation for what was a most extraordinary dereliction of duty in preparing accounts.

It could not be said that the commissioners were not entitled to conclude as they did without saying that in the case of a professional adviser there had to be some positive additional requirement before he could be guilty of wilful default.

Mr Rose suggested the need for some evidence of private enrichment or profit to explain an otherwise disinterested breach of duty on a taxpayer's behalf.

Such a requirement was not essential. It was in each case a matter of whether the inference of wilful default could be drawn from all the circumstances.

Reckless carelessness, which was what the commissioners had here found, entitled them to draw the inferences that they had. They were properly directed as to the meaning of wilful default and they had referred to them the judgment of Mr Justice Cross in the *Clixby* case concerning the unusual circumstances needed for wilful default to be committed by an adviser where there was innocence on the part of the taxpayer.

They were entitled to conclude that the accountants were guilty of wilful default committed on behalf of the taxpayer. The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Fairley & Co, Bedford; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Correct procedure for equal pay case

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Clark and Others

Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Taylor

[Judgment October 29]

The correct procedure for speech therapists bringing equal-pay proceedings was a direct application to the industrial tribunal against the health authority which employed them, not an application to the Divisional Court to challenge the statutory authority which lay behind the salaries.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in considering an application for judicial review of the salary scales for speech therapists set by the Secretary of State for Social Services

The applications was brought by Mrs Elizabeth Anne Clark, Mrs Lorraine Kelly-Atherton and Dr Pamela Mary Enderby, who were speech therapists employed by various health authorities.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for the applicants; Mr John Laws and Mr Nigel Pleming for the secretary of state; Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the health authorities.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said that the applicants brought proceedings under section 1(2)(c) of the Equal Pay Act 1970 claiming that their work as speech therapists was of equal value to that of men employed by their employers as pharmacists and clinical psychologists.

The industrial tribunal dismissed those claims on a preliminary point. There was no investigation of their claims that their work was of equal value or of other possible defences open to the health authorities. From that dismissal the applicants had appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal and that appeal was still pending.

The dismissal was founded on the undoubted position that the health authorities were required by statutory instrument to pay the applicants the very salaries which they were receiving and accordingly these proceedings had been instituted to challenge the statutory authority behind those salaries. There were thus two sets of proceedings alive

The preliminary point upon which the health authorities succeeded was that any difference in salaries was "due to a material factor which was not the difference in sex". That was that they were bound to comply with the National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service Regulations (SI 1974 No 296) and the approval letter written by the secretary of state thereto.

Regulation 3 provided that that if the secretary of state approved the salaries which had been agreed upon by the negotiating body, the authorities should pay "neither more nor less than the remuneration so approved". Once the approval had been given, those salaries had a statutory effect.

The authorities relied on the presumption of legality stated by Lord Diplock in *Hoffmann-La Roche (F.) & Co AG v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry* ([1975] AC 295, 365). It had to be noted that that case was not concerned with EEC law.

The applicants said that the fact that the salary scales had statutory force was not the end of the matter because the provisions of the Treaty of Rome had overriding force.

They sought to show that at the bargaining stage there was a failure to implement the requirement of Community law that there should be equal treatment between the sexes. If they could demonstrate that, then the regulation and the secretary of state's letter would merely be giving force to what was unlawful according to EEC law.

It was common ground that if there was a conflict between UK law and Community law then Community law prevailed. If the challenged salary scales breached the principle it was clear that the applicants had a remedy. The question at issue had thus become one of procedure.

For the purposes of these applications it would have been necessary for the industrial tribunal first to obtain a report under section 2A(1)(b) of the Equal Pay Act 1970 as to whether a speech therapist's work was of equal value to a man pharmacist's or a man clinical psychologist's.

The eventual decision would have to be made by the industrial tribunal. If the answer was "yes" the question would thereafter arise whether the difference between their rates of pay might be due to material factors which were not the difference of sex. That too had to be decided by the industrial tribunal. For the meaning of "material" see *Rainey v Greater Glasgow Health Board* (*The Times* November 28, 1986; [1987] AC 224).

The present dispute in the end might hinge on whether or not the variations in the rates of pay between speech therapists and the other professions were due to a material factor which was not the difference of sex between the comparators.

It could not be said that the regulations were *ultra vires* until two things had happened: first, that an industrial tribunal had found that the therapists' work was of equal value, and second, that the "material factor" issue had been determined.

If in the end the case had to go to an industrial tribunal, it was obviously right that it should, if it could, go there direct rather than via a direction of the Divisional Court.

Moreover, regulation 3 applied to the remuneration of other professions besides speech therapists in respect of which it might not offend against the Equal Pay Act.

If it should be the case that the secretary of state had applied it wrongly in one case, the matter might be put right by a variation of the speech therapists' contract

Until a decision had been finally reached, it would not be possible to say whether or not the secretary of state's direction was *ultra vires*. But there was no foreseeable risk that other industrial tribunals might be persuaded to reach inconsistent verdicts.

Accordingly, on the general ground on what was the correct procedure to follow in a case of this nature, it was clear that direct application to the industrial tribunal was the proper one.

But there was a second ground on which the applicants succeeded. That was that the wording of section 1(3), which required the employer to prove to the tribunal that the "variation is genuinely due to a material factor which is not the difference of sex" would, save in wholly exceptional circumstances, require evidence.

It was not susceptible of being taken as a preliminary point. Such evidence was wholly lacking in the present case.

The mere fact that the authorities were bound by law to pay those salaries was not enough. The very matter at issue was whether the authorities really were bound by law and that could only be decided after looking at the facts and seeing if they were.

Whatever might be the eventual result, the tribunal had erred in law by not following the correct procedure and accordingly their decision would be quashed. The proceedings would be remitted to the tribunal to continue its hearing under the Equal Pay Act 1970.

The court had been told that it could be expected that the secretary of state, as an interested party, would be given a right to be heard.

There could be no question at this stage of the court making any finding that the secretary of state acted *ultra vires* in making his direction. The factual basis was not there as yet.

Mr Justice Taylor delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Denise Kingsmill & Co; Treasury Solicitor; Mr A. J. Beale, Cardiff; Bevan Ashford, Bristol and Mr A. P. Andrews, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Councils can accept retrospective benefit claims

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Cynon Valley Borough Council

Regina v Kensington and Chelsea Royal London Borough Council, Ex parte Goodson

Before Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment November 6]

Local housing authorities were able to consider retrospective payments for the previous 12 months from the date of claim in respect of an application for housing benefit pursuant to regulation 28(2)(b) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (SI 1985 No 677).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing two separate applications for judicial review on behalf of the first applicant, Cynon Valley Borough Council, and the second applicant, Mr Anthony Goodson, against the decision of the Secretary of State for Social Services, dated October 13, 1986, and the housing benefits review board of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, dated November 5, 1986, respectively, to the effect that the interpretation of the housing benefit regulations relating to rent allowances did not apply to retrospective payments from the date of claim.

Regulation 28, which was central to both cases, provides: "(2) The appropriate authority may, except in a certificated case - - - - (b) if in its opinion the circumstances are exceptional, allow the benefit period to begin on a date which is twelve months or less earlier than the date of receipt of the claim."

Mr Richard Drabble for the first applicant; Mr Harry Sales for the second applicant; Mr John Howell for the secretary of state; Mr Nicholas Nardecchia for the council.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that housing benefit was a creature of statute, and that by virtue of regulation 28(2)(b) of the 1985 Regulations, the housing authority was entitled to look back for up to 12 months from the date of claim and, if there were exceptional circumstances, benefit could be paid in respect of that period which had already passed.

Housing benefits were clearly intended to assist those in need and the rent allowance scheme should not be so interpreted as to create unnecessary anomalies.

Accordingly, the secretary of state's refusal to consider reimbursment of 90 per cent of £34,327 which the first defendant paid out in rent allowances to 83 miners whose circumstances made them eligible for such benefit was quashed.

Turning to the second case, his Lordship said that the fact that the second applicant was claiming benefit as an unemployed person did not prevent him from claiming rent allowances for the retrospective period for the last 12 months from the date of claim, for which he was eligible, and accordingly the decision of the review board of the council to refuse such a retrospective payment was quashed.

Lord Justice Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Nicholas Stonelake, Aberdare; Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington; Solicitor, DHSS; Mr Andrew J. Colvin, Kensington.

Call for rules to penalise delay

Simon-Carves Ltd v Costain Construction Ltd and Others

The Supreme Court Rule Committee should give serious consideration to making rules which would impose strict criteria for bringing actions on quickly and for providing effective sanctions where there were delays.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, so stated, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson on October 28, when the court dismissed an appeal by the first defendant from Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as a judge of the High Court, who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs from Mr Registrar Burton in the Stockport District Registry who had struck out their action for want of prosecution.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the decision of the House of Lords in *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297) was limited to giving guidance as to how the inherent jurisdiction of the court was to be exercised. It did not preclude the making of rules of court which would impose strict criteria for bringing actions on speedily and for providing really effective sanctions where there were delays.

His Lordship hoped that the Supreme Court Rule Committee would give serious thought to the position with which the courts were all familiar.

Articulated mobile crane was not towing a trailer

Director of Public Prosecutions v Evans and Hewden Stuart Heavy Cranes Ltd

Justices were correct to conclude that an articulated mobile crane was in effect one vehicle and was not towing a trailer and accordingly, article 25(2) of the Motor Vehicles (Authorization of Special Types) General Order (SI 1979 No 1198) relating to required notice to the police authority did not apply.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Kennedy) so held on October 30, when dismissing in part the appeal of the prosecution by way of case stated against Wetherby Justices' decision on February 11, 1987, that the prosecution had failed to establish a *prima facie* case of charges relating to driving a mobile crane with a trailer contrary to article 25(2).

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the facts as found by the justices made it plain that the mobile crane, because of its construction and length, was in effect one vehicle split in two in order to be able to manoeuvre round bends and accordingly, informations relating to the trailer charges were rightly dismissed.

His Lordship added that in the light of the justices' findings of fact, informations relating to driving a vehicle with excess axle weights, contrary to regulation 82(3) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (SI 1978 No 1017) and section 40 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, should not be dismissed, and allowed that appeal with a direction to the justices to hear those charges.

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Administrative civil rights violations should be able to be brought to court

Pudas v Sweden
(Case No 12/1986/110/158)

Before Judge R. Ryssdal, President and Judges G. Lagergren, B. Walsh, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, J. Gersing and J. De Meyer

Boden v Sweden
(Case No 18/1986/116/164)

Before Judge R. Ryssdal, President and Judges G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, L.-E. Petiti, R. Macdonald, R. Berhardt and J. De Meyer

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgments October 27]

The right to a fair trial, as guaranteed by article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, was violated if an individual was not entitled to bring before a court a dispute concerning an administrative measure which directly affected his civil rights.

The European Court of Human Rights held, in two separate unanimous judgments, that Sweden had violated article 6 of the Convention by not providing Mr Pudas with the possibility of having the revocation of his transport licence reviewed by a court and by not providing Mr Boden with the opportunity to challenge before a court an expropriation permit affecting two properties of which he was a part owner.

Article 6 of the Convention stipulates that: "In the determination of his civil rights and obligations . . . everyone is entitled to a . . . hearing . . . by (a) . . . tribunal . . ."

Case of Pudas

In 1980 the County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, in the north of Sweden, granted Mr Pudas a taxi traffic licence and a licence to carry passengers on specified inter-urban routes.

On April 2, 1981, the County Traffic Company of Norrbotten, a company wholly owned by the county council and the municipalities in the county, filed an application with the County Administrative Board for a licence to provide inter-urban transport on routes covered by Mr Pudas's second licence.

The company indicated that it proposed to rationalize existing facilities by replacing Mr Pudas's service with a bus service to be provided under contract by another private transport business. On August 17, 1981, the County Administrative Board granted the County Traffic Company's application and revoked Mr Pudas's licence.

Mr Pudas appealed to the Board of Transport. He claimed, among other things, that the County Traffic Company's application had been motivated not by any public interest in improving transport facilities but by an arrangement between the compay and the other private transport business.

This appeal and his further appeals to the Government (Ministry of Transport) were all rejected.

Case of Boden

Mr Boden was a resident of Falun, where he owned, together with his brother, three properties. On June 30, 1977 the Falun Municipal Council adopted an area plan with a view to the development of a housing estate in an area including the applicant's properties. On February 9, 1978, the municipal council applied to the Government for an expropriation permit for this area. Despite Mr Boden's objections, the Government issued the permit on March 1, 1979.

Before the expropriation was finalized, Mr Boden and the municipality negotiated, on July 2, 1984, a settlement for the sale of the properties to the municipality. On December 17, 1986, a further agreement was reached for the repurchase by the applicant of the properties for the same amount as the municipality had paid for them in 1984.

After attempting unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement in both cases the European Commission of Human Rights drew up reports, adopted in December 1985 and May 1986, establishing the facts and expressing the unanimous opinion that there had been a breach of article 6(1) of the Convention in both cases and that no separate issue arose under article 13 in the case of Pudas.

In two separate judgments the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 6

A Applicability of article 6(1)

According to the Court's established case-law, article 6(1) extended only to *contestations* (disputes) over "civil rights and obligations" which could be said, at least on arguable grounds, to be recognized under domestic law; it did not in itself guarantee any particular content for "civil rights and obligations" in the substantive law of the contracting states.

As to whether there was a *contestation* within the meaning of article 6(1), regard had to be had to the principles enunciated in the Court's case-law, summarised in its *Benthem* judgment of October 23, 1985:

A Conformity with the spirit of the Convention required that the word "*contestation*" should not be construed too technically and should be given a substantive rather than a formal meaning.

B The *contestation* could relate not only to the actual existence of a right but also to its scope or the manner in which it could be exercised. It might concern both questions of fact and questions of law.

C It had to be genuine and of a serious nature.

D The expression "*contestations sur (des) droits et obligations de caractere civil*" (disputes over civil rights and obligations) covered all proceedings the result of which was decisive for such rights and obligations. However, a tenuous connection or remote consequences did not suffice for article 6(1). Civil rights and obligations had to be the object — or one of the objects of the *contestation*; the result of the proceedings had to be directly decisive for such a right.

Case of Pudas

The respondent Government had argued that the transport licence concerned did not constitute a "right" and that the revocation of the licence depended essentially on an assessment of policy issues not capable of or suited to judicial control.

The Court, however, came to the same conclusion as the Commission.

First, subject to the possibility of revocation, the licence conferred a "right" on the applicant in the form of an authorization to carry out a transport service in accordance with the legally prescribed conditions.

Mr Pudas could plausibly and arguably maintain that according to Swedish law he was entitled to continue his business under the licence. He was challenging not only the wisdom of the revocation as a matter of policy but also its lawfulness. In addition, the proceedings complained of were directly decisive for the right at issue.

The Government further contended that the provision of public transport in Sweden carried the "predominant stamp of a public-law activity". Thus, the responsibility for ensuring the availability of proper transport facilities was placed by law on public authorities.

The provision of services by a private transport business such as the applicant's was regulated in detail by the public authorities, with a view to securing the public interest. Finally, a substantial, and often a major, part of the licence-holder's costs of running the business was covered out of public funds.

In the Court's view, however, those features of public law did not suffice to exclude from the category of "civil rights" under article 6(1) the rights conferred on the applicant by virtue of the licence. The claimed entitlement to the maintenance of the licence was a condition of the exercise of Mr Pudas's business activities.

In Sweden, the provision of transport services by private persons took the form of a commercial activity, carried out with the object of earning profits and based on a contractual relationship between the licence-holder and the customers.

Case of Boden

The applicant's right of ownership of the properties in issue was without doubt a "civil right" — and that had not been disputed.

The Swedish Government had, however, maintained that the issue of the expropriation permit was purely a policy decision and that there had consequently been no genuine *contestation* concerning questions of law or of fact susceptible of judicial assessment.

The Court did not share that view. On the facts, it appeared that there existed a serious disagreement between Mr Boden and the Swedish authorities which raised questions going to the lawfulness, under the applicable Swedish legislation, of the issue of the permit.

Furthermore, the expropriation permit was decisive for the applicant's property rights.

The Court therefore concluded that article 6(1) was applicable in both cases.

B Compliance with article 6(1)

The Government admitted in both cases, should the Court find article 6(1) applicable, that the applicants had not been afforded the safeguards this provision guaranteed.

Case of Pudas

The dispute in question was determined by the Government (Ministry of Transport and Communications) in its capacity as authority of final instance. The Government's decision rejecting Mr Pudas's appeals against the revocation of his licence by the County Administrative Board was not open to review as to its lawfulness by either the ordinary courts or the administrative courts, or by any other body which could be considered to be a "tribunal" for the purposes of article 6(1).

Admittedly, holders of an inter-urban traffic licence could challenge the lawfulness of a revocation by requesting the supreme administrative court to re-open the proceedings. However, that extraordinary remedy did not meet the requirements of article 6(1).

Case of Boden

The Government pointed out that both the Falun Municipal Council's decision to adopt an area plan and its decision to request an expropriation permit could have been challenged before the County Administrative Board and, subsequently, the Supreme Administrative Court.

However, those two decisions were only preparatory steps which, in themselves, did not at that stage interfere with the applicant's civil rights. That being so, the Court found no reason to undertake a further examination of those remedies.

The Government's decision as to the issue of the permit was not open to appeal before either the ordinary or the administrative courts, or before any other body which could be considered to be a "tribunal" for the purposes of article 6(1).

Accordingly, article 6(1) had been violated in both cases.

II Alleged breaches of article 13 of the Convention and article 1 of the First Protocol

In the Pudas case, the Court held that, in the circumstances, there was no necessity for it also to examine the case either under article 13 of the Convention which guaranteed the right to an effective remedy before a national authority, or under article 1 of the First Protocol which guaranteed the right of property.

III Application of article 50 of the Convention

Both applicants had claimed, by way of just satisfaction under article 50, financial compensation for prejudice allegedly suffered and reimbursement of costs and expenses.

As to pecuniary damage, there was no evidence in either case that, had a court remedy been available, the decision would have been in the applicant's favour. Accordingly, no award of compensation was made under that head.

The Court, however, considered that Mr Pudas had suffered, by reason of the absence of a court remedy, some non-pecuniary damage.

Deciding on an equitable basis, it fixed the amount of compensation at 20,000 Swedish crowns.

On the other hand, it held that, in the particular circumstances of the Boden case, the finding of a violation of article 6(1) constituted in itself adequate just satisfaction for the purposes of article 50.

As to the claim for costs and expenses incurred in connection with the case before the national authorities and the Convention institutions, some items of expenditure were not contested by the respondent Government.

On the other hand, the causal link with the violation found by the Court, the necessity and/or the reasonableness of other items was not established by the evidence. Consequently, only partial reimbursement was awarded.

Illegitimacy is no ground for difference in treatment

Inze v Austria
(Case No 15/1986/113/161)

Before Judge J. Cremona, President and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, L. E. Pettiti, and R. Bernhardt

Registrar M. A. Eissen

[Judgment October 28]

The European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that Austria had violated article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights, taken together with article 1 of its First Protocol, as a difference in treatment based solely on the ground of birth out of wedlock was discriminatory in that it could not be objectively and reasonably justified.

Article 14 of the Convention provides: "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status".

Article 1 of the First Protocol provides: "Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

"The preceding provisions shall not, however, in any way impair the right of a state to enforce such laws as it deems necessary to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest or to secure the payment of taxes or other contributions or penalties."

Mr Inze was born out of wedlock in 1942. Following his mother's death intestate in 1975, her farm was attributed, after court proceedings which ended in 1981, to his half-brother, who had been born in wedlock in 1954. The court applied the Carinthian Hereditary Farms Act 1903, which gave precedence to legitimate over illegitimate children.

However, by a subsequent judicial settlement concluded on October 12, 1981, the applicant obtained a piece of land which had been promised to him by his mother during her lifetime.

After attempting unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report, adopted on March 4, 1986, establishing the facts and expressing the opinion (by six votes to four) that there had been a violation of article 14 of the Convention, taken in conjuncion with article 1 of the First Protocol.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Applicant's status as "victim" (article 25)

The word "victim" in article 25 of the Convention referred to the person directly affected by the act or omission at issue; and the existence of a violation was conceivable even in the absence of prejudice, prejudice being relevant only for the purposes of article 50 of the Convention.

Therefore, the fact that a judicial settlement, concluded between private parties on their own, might have mitigated the disadvantage suffered by the applicant did not in principle deprive him of his status as "victim". The position might have been otherwise if, for instance, the national authorities had acknowledged either expressly or in substance, and then afforded redress for, the alleged breach of the Convention.

In any event, the applicant's complaint was directed to the fact that, in the instant case, his illegitimate birth deprived him in law of any possibility of taking over his mother's farm in the partition of her estate.

That situation remained unchanged and it was only its financial consequences which had been alleviated by the judicial settlement. In addition, the settlement was concluded at a time when Mr Inze could no longer hope to obtain the property, since the Supreme Court had rejected his appeal on that point in April 1980.

He was therefore in a position of inferiority, and accepted the settlement as the lesser of two evils.

In those circumstances, the applicant could still claim to be a "victim" within the meaning of article 25 of the Convention.

II Alleged violation of article 14 together with article 1 of First Protocol

A Applicability

The applicant did not allege a violation of article 1 of the First Protocol taken alone, and the Court did not find it necessary to examine the question *ex officio*; it sufficed to ascertain whether his complaints fell within the ambit of the provision.

The Court pointed out that article 1 of the First Protocol in substance guaranteed the right of property. Here, the applicant had already acquired by inheritance, under the Austrian civil code, a right to a share of his deceased mother's estate, including the farm, subject to a distribution of the assets in accordance with the relevant Carinthian legislation.

The question of equality between children born in and children born out of wedlock as regards their civil rights was today given importance in the member states of the Council of Europe.

That shown by the 1975 European Convention on the Legal Status of Children Born out of Wedlock, which was presently in force in respect of nine member states of the Council of Europe.

It was ratified by the Republic of Austria on May 28, 1980 (with a reservation which was not relevant to the facts of this case). Very weighty reasons would accordingly have to be advanced before a difference of treatment on the ground of birth out of wedlock could be regarded as compatible with the Convention.

The arguments advanced by the Government to justify the difference of treatment in the present case did not convince the Court, since they were based on general and abstract considerations. In particular, the argument relating to the convictions of the rural population merely reflected the traditional outlook.

The Government themselves had recognized the ongoing developments in rural society and prepared a Bill, modifying the Carinthian legislation on the point at issue, which took them into account.

Although that fact did not demonstrate that the previous rules were contrary to the Convention, it showed tha the aim of the legislation could also have been achieved by applying criteria other than that based on birth in or out of wedlock.

There had accordingly been a breach of article 14 of the Convention, taken together with article 1 of the First Protocol.

III Application of article 50

A Damages

The Court pointed out that, although article 1 of the First Protocol did not entitle Mr Inze to inherit his mother's farm specifically, he nevertheless lost real opportunities of taking it over. Furthermore, the judicial settlement mentioned above did not completely efface the initial disadvantage suffered by him.

Since the said loss of opportunities did not readily lend itself to precise quantification, the court, making an assessment of an equitable basis, awarded Mr Inze the sum of 150,000 Austrian schillings.

B Costs and expenses

The Court first awarded the applicant 25,539 Austrian schillings for costs and expenses incurred in Austria. It rejected in that context a plea by the Government that certain lawyer's and expert's fees had not been necessary.

With regard to lawyer's fees before the Convention institutions, the Government did not contest that the applicant had incurred liability for sums additional to those covered by the legal aid received from the Council of Europe, but argued that the figures claimed were excessive.

In the circumstances of the case, the Court felt unable to award the totality of the sums claimed, but considered on an equitable basis, that the applicant should be reimbursed 55,067 Austrian schillings.

The total award of 80,606 Austrian schillings had to be reduced by the amount received by way of legal aid

Survivor who gives food for thought

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Survivor who gives food for thought

By Michael Clarke

One broker who walked away away from the worst-ever collapse in share prices worldwide recently was John Eustace, founder and chief executive of Crombie Eustace. For Mr Eustace is a broker with a difference — he is a food broker.

Food broking is big business in the US but a comparatively new phenomenon here, with only four recognized food brokers operating. However, the ambitious Mr Eustace hopes to change all that and believes food broking will soon establish itself as a major force in the retailing industry.

Food brokers act as the middlemen between the manufacturers and the retail outlets which means that the manufacturers do not have to maintain large and costly sale forces.

Crombie Eustace's sales force tours the country offering the wares of various big name manufacturers to the retailers, who range from the big supermarket chains down to the small corner store. Mr Eustace claims that it costs most companies around £30,000 a year to keep a salesman on the road. His own experienced staff are paid depending on the amount of commission they generate. "There are no basic salaries as such. If they don't work hard enough, they don't get paid", he says.



John Eustace: Food broking, he believes, will soon establish itself as a major force in the retailing industry, as it already is in the United States market

Mr Eustace started his career as a salesman with Procter and Gamble, the US detergents group, before moving to Petfoods for a brief spell and then on to Revlon, the US cosmetics group.

In 1979 he formed Crombie Eustace and in the early days operated from the attic of his own Oxfordshire home. Before long he had built up an impressive list of clients boasting many famous brand names. They currently range from BIC Razors, Ashe Consumer Products — of Amplex and Maws fame — through to Spa Mineral water and Cirio, the Italian canned tomato and olive oil company.

Mr Eustace says the changing face of the High Street over the past few years and the emergence of the big supermarket chains has meant that suppliers have also had to become more efficient.

This has been clearly reflected in the number of buying points situated around the country. In 1960, there were 1,621 centres controlling about 80 per cent of the grocery market. That figure has since been reduced to just six, catering for 70 per cent of the grocery trade.

In America and Canada food brokers account for the bulk of grocery sales to the big retailers. "There are 200 brokers in Ontario alone. There are four in the UK, accounting for less than 5 per cent of the groceries sold in the UK", Mr Eustace adds.

After losses in the first three years, the group made pretax profits of £126,000 in 1986 and has budgeted for sales of £30 million this year, producing commissions of about £2 million. The group looks to be on target for pretax profits of up to £230,000.

Crombie Eustace has a efficient management structure. Twenty managers control national and regional sales with a further 25 area managers heading a 300-strong permanent and part-time, in-store sales force. The group has already attracted more than its fair share of admirers, with Mr Eustace rejecting at least four bid approaches from various predators. He is now hoping to secure a public listing for the company within two years.

BRIEFING

■ A timely aid is out from the National Federation of Self Employed (NFSE) in a practical guide" to avoid going bust. Those in small businesses which have never had to face up to bankruptcy probably do not realize how quickly the tumbrils may roll. Instead of the abject panic which can so easily set in, the guide counsels calm — and a variety of practical steps. It also explains what early warning signs of danger should be heeded and how an unfit business may be reorganized.

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■ A new business enterprise programme of training for self employment and running a small business starts in the Cambridge area on December 7. The seven-day programme — spread over six weeks — is sponsored by the Manpower Services Commission under the Action for Jobs campaign. The organizers say: "You do not have to be unemployed. All you need is a sound business plan, to be able to support yourself and your business during initial start-up and have lots of drive and ambition."

● *Contact: Local Jobcentres or Enterprise Agencies or the programme secretary at Chelmsford 350595, Colchester 561700 or dial 100 and ask for Freefone BCIF.*

■ Cornhill Insurance has just introduced a flexible business liability policy, designed specifically for smaller building and allied trades contractors employing up to nine manual workers. The policy, called Nines and Under, caters for self-employed tradesmen, partnerships and limited companies. Premiums start at £35 and the policy can be extended as a business grows. Additional employees can be added easily, says Cornhill; no declaration of wages is required and clerical staff are included without extra charge.

● *Contact: Geoff Mayhew, Cornhill Insurance, PO Box 10, 57 Ladymead, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1DB.(0483-68161).*

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Industrial sector thrives in bear market

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Industrial property has been attracting more investors in recent months than for five years, Healey and Baker say in a newly-published report.

The acceleration of take-up of space for business and the increase in rental values — the best being in the South-East, which has seen an increase of 14.8 per cent over the last two years — has meant investors looking at the sector with renewed interest.

Over the past 12 months many industrial portfolios have outperformed retail and office sectors, and Healey and Baker believe that as long as the appropriate action is taken by the United States to stabilize the world's stock markets, this rejuvenation will continue.

The report suggests that the shortage of good-quality sites for traditional industrial and warehouse accommodation, together with the fall in unemployment and increase in industrial output, are the main factors influencing the market, and adds that the recent change in planning law will enhance the flexibility of this section of the property market.

It explains that the current scarcity of good-quality sites is particularly marked in the South-East, where many sites designated for such development have been "hi-jacked" by residential development, high tech (business space schemes) and out-of-town retail proposals.

Angus McIntosh, head of research at Healey and Baker, commented: "At times of instability in other investment sectors, there are clearly advantages to investing in well let properties where the yield on invested monies is not dissimilar to the yields obtained on long-dated government stocks. Well-located investments will also benefit from faster rental growth in the 1990s."

This assessment of industrial property is backed up in the findings of the 1987 Property Index, published by four firms of chartered surveyors — Healey and Baker, Hillier Parker, Jones Lang Wootton and Richard Ellis — which shows it as the best performing sector in the year to March 1987.

The return for the year for property itself was 12.1 per cent (approximately 8 per cent real), the best return since 1982. Industrial property proved the top-performing sector, with a total return of 15.5 per cent.

While retail has been the best performing sector in every preceeding year, it was edged into bottom place this year by the office sector.

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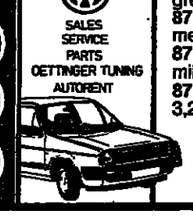
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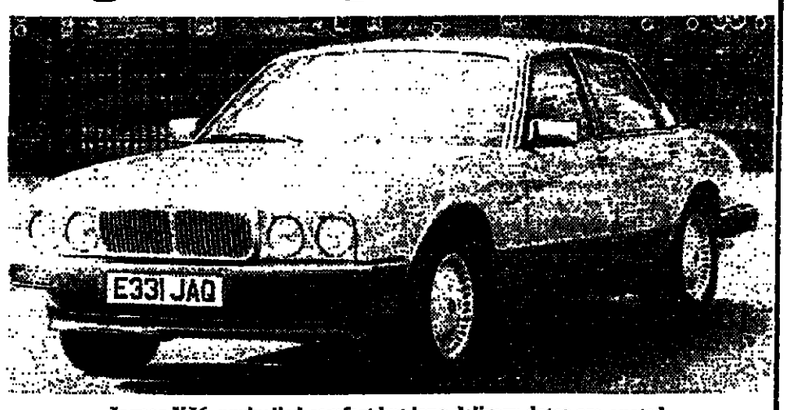
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Naturally they would like to make as much profit as possible on every car they sell and that means 3.6s. But delivery dates for 3.6s are themselves extending with dealers currently quoting next July.

The smaller engine accounts for about one in four sales of the saloon launched just over a year ago. With less power available 2.9 buyers opt for a larger proportion of five-speed manuals than on the 3.6 but still account for less than 30 per cent of all six-cylinder sales.

I took a 2.9 XJ6 automatic (the auto costs an extra £740) to Scotland for a few days recently with three up, a heavily loaded boot containing, in addition to normal luggage, two sets of golf clubs and caddie carts. We covered about 900 miles and returned the remarkable consumption figure for such a large automatic car of 22.4 mpg.

On the motorway we cruised in comfort insulated from the hustle and noise of the traffic around us. If there is a car offering a better ride than the new Jaguar, I have yet to meet it. Mercedes' 'S' class is still not quite there and neither is BMW's new super 700 series.

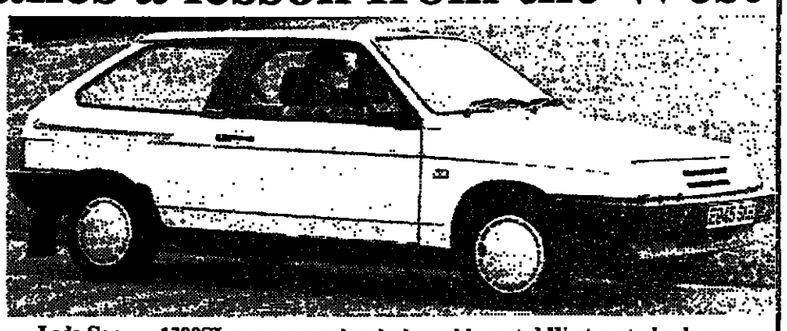
On the motorway the lack of power is hardly noticeable. Off the motorway is another story. While the 3.6 can be driven with leisurely use of the accelerator the smaller engine requires "the big boot"

This is when Jaguar's unique 'U'-shaped gear selection lay-out comes into its own. The right hand leg of the 'U' gives normal automatic operation of the four-speed ZF transmission. Switch across to the left leg and you can drive manually. I much prefer to do that instead of using the kick-down because it is quicker and more economical.

When will Jaguar do something about the position of the ignition key? It is hidden away under the steering wheel and so deeply recessed in the side of the steering column that finding it should carry some sort of reward. It is the one constant complaint from Jaguar owners. What a pity they have not put it on the dashboard like Mercedes.

Lada takes a lesson from the West

The Russians have been selling robust but fairly primitive Lada cars based on the old Fiat 124 design in Britain for 13 years now. Sales have been slow and would have been much worse but for heavily subsidized prices. The arrival this week of a brand new, modern, front-wheel drive, Escort-sized hatchback with modern styling will improve sales, but the subsidizing continues.


Lada Samara 1300SL: more up-to-date looks and imported Western technology

The Russians have learnt a great deal about the automotive business since Fiat sold them the 124 plans and helped set up their giant Togliatti factory. This time they designed and developed their own car.

With Western exports and hard currency earnings imperative, they leaned heavily on proven Western technology. For instance Automotive Products of Leamington are supplying the brakes and clutches for the new Samara and Porsche was called in to test and refine the car before it went into production.

At £4,295 the basic Samara 1300 L is a cool £1,367 less than the cheapest Escort, the 1.3 Popular. The more expensive Samara SL and SLX are given additional trim and equipment after reaching the UK but at £5,295 are still cheaper than the Escort.

Lada will sell around 25,000 cars here this year and has set its sights on 30,000 next year. Of these 10,000 will be the new Samara and 20,000 the old rear-wheel drive Riva.

The big hurdle the Russians have still to overcome is the poor second-hand prices offered by non-Lada dealers.

Toyota's cool ride

The Japanese drive to get as much profit as possible from each of their quota-restricted cars took a new turn last week. Toyota became the first volume car-maker selling in Britain to offer full air conditioning equipment across its entire model range from the smallest to the largest and including the neat little Hiace van.

Air-conditioning is already standard on the up-market Supra, Celica and Camry Executive. Now you can have it fitted to the little 1 litre Starlet for £650 plus vat with progressive price increases for bigger cars. You can even have an ice box for drinks and food.

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ROWING

Fours take to the Thames in hundreds

By Jim Railton

The 33rd Head of the River Fours, sponsored by Fuller, Smith and Turner, the independent London brewery, takes place tomorrow and will be contested by 500 crews rowing and sculling three miles downstream from Barnes Terrace to Putney Pier.

The race was dominated last year by Nottingham County Rowing Association, who not only finished in the first two places but also placed three quadruple scullers among the top six. But they will receive a very strong challenge this year from the establishment in the cerise colours of Leander.

The Leander quadruple sculls will be stroked by Richard Stanhope, backed by Steve Redgrave, the Olympic and world champion, and complemented by Adam Clift and Jon Spencer-Jones. They put their act together only on Wednesday, and will start in twentieth position.

The Nottingham challenge and defence of the title is likely to be spearheaded by Carl Smith, Martin Knight, Simon Larkin and possibly Rory Henderson, who enjoyed a very successful season last year.

Redgrave's last competitive surge was the British Bobsleigh championships in Winterberg in West Germany, in which as brakeman he finished second. "My ambition is to compete in the winter and summer Olympics in one year," he said.

He has, as it appears, an unsatiable appetite, and is aiming to contest the cox and coxless pairs in Seoul next September. Redgrave's partner in this quest is Andy Holmes, who is scheduled to make a strong challenge tomorrow on behalf of Leander in the coxed fours, where he will be joined by three other internationals.

Favourite for the coxless fours title must again be Leander, with world finalists Mark Buckingham, Steve Peel, Simon Berrisford and Peter Mulcheins on board. They will receive a strong challenge however from the British lightweight eight, rowing in two fours in London Rowing Clubs livery.

There is likely to be a titantic clash also between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the coxed and coxless fours. Oxford's top crew is their coxed four, stroked by the tallest and heaviest boat-rowed oarsman of all time, Gavin Stewart, with the American international and president, Chris Penny, and winning Blues in this year's Boat Race, Tom Cadoux-Hudson and Richard Hull, making a formidable quartet.

Cambridge have entered three strong crews, with president, Jim Garman, on board the coxed four with the talented Matthew Britton, Nick Grundy and stroked by Guy Pooley.

MOTOR RACING: THE 1987 GRAND PRIX SEASON ENDS ON SUNDAY, AS DOES THE WORLD CHAMPION'S ASSOCIATION WITH WILLIAMS



Moving on: Nelson Piquet will not be satisfied with 20 Grand Prix wins

Lotus position is perfect for Piquet to express himself

By John Blunsden

Nelson Piquet's car will carry the number six for the last time on Sunday afternoon, when he takes part in the Australian Grand Prix, the final event of the 1987 Formula One season.

Next season, as the new world champion, he will be entitled to race with the coveted number one but this honour and distinction will be shared not with the Canon-Williams team with which he achieved his success, but with Camel-Lotus, to whom he announced his impending defection in August.

The last occasion a driver moved to a rival team immediately after securing the title was 10 years ago, when Niki Lauda, having scored his second world championship for Ferrari, moved to Brabham for the 1978 season. The following year he was joined there by a promising young Brazilian who called himself Nelson Piquet, although his real name was Nelson Souto Mayor.

A few months later, when Lauda staged his famous instant retirement act in Canada (he climbed out of his car after first practice and announced he was fed up with driving round in circles and was off to run his airline), the Brazilian, who had taken part in only 18 Grands Prix, found himself in the unexpected role of team leader.

He did well, outstandingly so, and became world champion in both 1981 and 1983. Although he won only three races in each of those years, he made it look so easy, which is the mark of a great driver. And yet, throughout his seven-year stay with the Brabham team, it remained difficult to accurately assess the depth of his talent. He was seen to be at his formidable best on fast circuits, but was less effective on slow ones, which he openly admitted disliking.

But the biggest problem in evaluating his performances was the lack of an effective yardstick by which to make a judgement, because not only was Piquet the undisputed No. 1 in his team and therefore the recipient of all the back-up facilities he might desire, but he was rarely stretched on the track by his team colleagues, who often were little more than "no hope" drivers, who bought their seats in the cockpits with sponsors' hard cash.

The biggest unknown, therefore, was how much of Piquet's success was down to the driver and how much to his car. There were good Brabhams and bad Brabhams during his years with the team, and the good ones tended to be brilliant.

Only when Piquet moved to Williams at the end of 1985 was it possible to put his talent into perspective. Nigel Mansell was already there as No. 2 to Keke Rosberg, and as Piquet was to be Rosberg's replacement he slipped smoothly into the top slot, or so he thought. In fact, Mansell, who had just won his first Grand Prix and had immediately followed up with another, was now not only a front runner, but was getting better with every race.

For the first time in Formula One since Lauda's departure, Piquet had a team colleague capable of beating him. And he did not much care for it.

His last two seasons have been far from contented ones. Very much Honda's man, he felt that this and his official No. 1 status should have guaranteed him much more than priority use of the team's spare car; he felt it also entitled him to be world champion. It didn't work out that way last year (though he came close) and who knows what would have happened this time but for Mansell's accident in Japan.

In several respects this must be the least satisfying of his titles. Once again he has easily gained three victories, but he cannot forget that Mansell won six, led four more races before retiring and at one point was first or second in the remainder, or that Mansell out-qualified him on nine occasions and started every race from the front row.

The method of Piquet's "resignation" from Williams (a note under Frank Williams's bedroom door) came as a shock, but his move to Lotus is probably the best thing that could have happened. A third season with Mansell and Piquet in the same team would have been counter-productive and possibly dangerous.

As it is, Piquet will once again enjoy undisputed No. 1 status, with Satoiu Nakajima offering him no threat from the No. 2 Lotus seat. Perhaps he will be able to relax a little in his new environment and allow his love of driving, and especially of testing, which he enjoys with a passion, to bear richer fruit.

As his 1987 record reminds us (world championship points from 12 races, including seven second places), he is one of the most consistent drivers of all, with a highly developed sense of mechanical sympathy. He has also won 20 of his 140 Grands Prix, and one senses that there are a few more victories still to come.

GOLF: BRITISH PLAYERS PROVE THE SHINING LIGHTS DESPITE EARLY STARTS AND LATE FINISHES

Faldo happy to remain in the dark as Lyle leads with a 65

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Maui, Hawaii

Sandy Lyle captured the first round lead in the Isuzu Kapalua International with a superb first round of 65 — seven under par — here on the Bay Course.

Lyle gathered seven birdies and, by keeping a five off his card, he edged into a one-shot lead ahead of the American, Andy Bean. Nick Faldo finished with a 67 to join Payne Stewart and Lanny Wadkins on that mark.

Faldo had elected not to putt out from eight feet for a birdie on the 18th green after darkness had descended on Wednesday. Officials hastily arranged for the headlamps of cars to be shone on the last two fairways and greens in an effort to complete the day's play.

Faldo, however, obtained permission to return yesterday morning — rather than take a shot in the dark — and make his final putt. "I would have putted out if the inside of the hole had been painted white as they normally are," he explained. "But after playing so well I didn't want to spoil the day for myself by missing a putt which would leave me within one shot of Sandy."

So Faldo returned at 7.30am yesterdaybefore starting his second round half an hour later. His only lapse on Wednesday during six hours on the course — the professionals are paired with four amateur partners during the first 36 holes — had been to take three putts at the fourth.

Otherwise he was a model of consistency as the British challenge for the first prize of $150,000 was strengthened by Ian Woosnam (68) and Howard Clark (71).

Five birdies in eight holes from the sixth transformed Faldo's score. He pitched close for two of them, at the long sixth and 10th holes, and he holed putts of between 10 and 12 feet for the other three.

The Bay Course, which runs from the water's edge inland towards the West Maui mountains, suits Lyle's game. He won this tournament in 1984 and he established a record with a 64 during the Nissan Cup that same year.

Lyle's 65 could be considered as a new record because the 16th hole has been completely remodelled. In the past it offered a clear opportunity for a birdie whereas it now represents a severe challenge.

What bothered the early starters — Clark had teed off first at 6.40, eight minutes before the official sunrise — was the strength of the wind, which whipped across the course from off the sea. For instance it turned the opening hole into a true par five with the likes of Lyle, Clark and Faldo all failing to get up in two.

In fact Lyle managed to get to within 20 yards of the green. He pitched to two feet and from there he holed out for the first of his birdies. By the end of the round he had gathered birdies at each of the four par fives.

The hole which gave him the most satisfaction was the ninth, where he followed a one-iron tee shot with a fine nine-iron approach which left the ball six feet from the hole.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	504	5	10	527	5
2	372	4	11	408	4
3	419	4	12	220	3
4	357	4	13	345	4
5	205	3	14	349	4
6	500	5	15	470	4
7	355	4	16	371	4
8	162	3	17	192	3
9	453	4	18	552	5
Out	3,327	36	In	3,434	36

Total yardage: 6,761 Par: 72

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 65: A Lyle (GB), B Bean, 67: L Wadkins, P Stewart, N Faldo (GB), 68: I Woosnam (GB), B Lietzke, 69: S Hoch, 70: B Clampett, J-M Olazabal (Sp), F Couples, D Pooley 71: H Clark (GB) J Mahaffey, C Beck, D Ishii, D Barr (Can), P Jacobsen Other scores: 72: H Irwin, M O'Meara, B Crenshaw, 73: L Trevino, J Nicklaus, R Davis (Aus) C Pavin

Ishii takes two-shot early lead

Gotemba, Japan (AP) — Hiroshi Ishii, the veteran Japanese player, scored a five-under-par 67 yesterday to take a two-shot lead over seven other players, including Tom Kite, of the United States, after the first round of the $667,000 VISA Taiheiyo Club Masters tournament.

Ishii, aged 46, winner of nine tournaments in his career but without a victory so far this season, rolled in a 30-foot putt on the ninth for one of his six birdies. He took three putts at the 420-yard 14th to drop his only shot on the 7,072-yard Gotemba course.

Kite had a 69 and was equal second with six Japanese. He finished his round with an eagle on the 517-yard 18th, where he sank a seven-foot putt. He also had two birdies. "I missed the fairway only twice," he said. Curtis Strange, the leading money-winner on the 1987 US PGA Tour, had a 73.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (Japanese unless stated): 67: H Ishii, 69: M Ozaki, H Meshiai, S Kanai, N Yuhara, H Shigenobu, K Arai, T Kite (US). Other scores: 70: G Marsh (Aus), I Baker-Finch (Aus), B Langer (WG), 71: B Jones (Aus), T Watson (US).

● ADELAIDE: Two Australians, Bob Shearer and Roger Mackay, shared the lead yesterday after the second round of the South Australian Open (AFP reports). Shearer, a former Australian Open champion and winner of the event in 1984, scored a two-under-par 70, and was joined on 138 by Mackay, the new Australian PGA champion, who scored 67.

Ian Roberts, of Australia, was third, one shot behind the leaders, after taking 22 putts in his 66. Anders Sorensen, of Denmark, set a new course record with a 65. Sorensen started the day three over but picked up seven birdies on the front nine, including five consecutively, to finish equal fourth on 140 with Ronan Rafferty, of Northern Ireland.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 138: B Shearer, 69, 70: R Mackay, 71, 67, 139: I Roberts, 73, 66, 140: A Sorensen (Den), 75, 65; R Ratferty (N Ire), 72, 68, 141: G Norman, 72, 69; M Harwood, 70, 71. Other British placing: 150: M Bembridge, 77, 73.

SNOOKER

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NETBALL

Athlete finds advancement in a new sport

The international shot put competitor, Venissa Head, who is in her first season of competitive netball, has been selected for the Welsh squad preparing to meet the West Indies in Cardiff on December 1.

The national coach, Bev Ryan, is relishing the thought of working with a player of such physical attributes and competitive experience.

In an attempt to improve their goalscoring potential the Welsh selectors have chosen no fewer than eight shooters for the squad. Jane Allchurch (West Glamorgan) being recalled after a three-year break. The former under-21 international, Andrea Hopkins (Gwent), also returns.

Incentive to buy Open tickets early

Golf supporters have been given a financial incentive to buy tickets early for next year's Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes.

If purchased before January 31 a season ticket, giving entry to the four practice days and to the four days of the championship, will cost £35.

This represents a 44 per cent discount for the equivalent daily rate for the period. This year the highest increase is in the composite ticket, an all-in price covering car parking too, which goes up from £140 to £160.

● Strong winds forced the abandonment of play in the second round of the Irish Professional Championship at County Louth, Baltray. It has been decided that the leading 40 players and ties after the first round will go forward to today's final round.

A break with US tradition

By Patricia Davies

It has been a trying year for America's professional golfers. People — pesky foreigners mainly — keep trying to persuade them that they are not the best in the world, that Uncle Sam does not rule OK, that Europe is where it's at.

And now, quietly and politely, elegantly and charmingly, Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, has got in on the act, becoming the leading money-winner on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour and their player of the year, the first non-American to claim that distinction.

Miss Okamoto, a modest, quiet woman of 36, left it until the last tournament to overtake Betsy King, her main rival during the latter half of the season. Second place in the Mazda Japan Classic, in front of her own adoring supporters, took Miss Okamoto's earnings to $466,034 (about £262,000), just under $6,000 ahead of Miss King.

Both women won four tournaments apiece over the year and although Miss Okamoto failed to win a major championship, she was runner-up in two of them, the du Maurier Classic and the United States Women's Open

She is a cult figure in Japan and her every move is logged by dozens of cameramen and journalists. Playing with Laura Davies, the eventual champion, in the United States Open, Miss Okamoto went into a bunker over the back of the elevated second green and as she disappeared over the edge to examine her lie, her entourage swarmed lemming-like after her, oblivious to everything and everyone else.

The object of all this attention admitted that at times she felt the Press distracted her but added: "It's all a state of mind. If they bother me, it shows I'm not concentrating and I shouldn't use them as an excuse."

In fact, Miss Okamoto, a native of Hiroshima, who has her own weekly slot on Japanese television, prefers playing in the United States because she is not mobbed everywhere she goes — only on the golf course.

Small and dark, with a smooth, silky swing and a magical way with a wedge, she has played more or less full time in America for seven years and in the course of this season became the fifteenth player to earn more than $1 million

It may not be quite enough to make the Americans say *sayonara* to supremacy but, given the successes of Miss Okamoto and Miss Davies this season, they must surely wave goodbye to complacency.

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HOCKEY

Double international honour for Brittin

By Joyce Whitehead

Jeannette Brittin, who has been opening the batting for the English women's cricket team for the past seven years, will become a double international later this month. She has been named as the only new player in the England women's indoor squad of 12 for the Home Countries tournament at Crystal Palace on November 27 to 28.

Miss Brittin, aged 28, of Ealing, and Claire Liddell take the places of Karen Brown and Mary Cheetham, who are unavailable owing to outdoor training with Great Britain for the Olympic Games qualifying matches in Barcelona in December, which take priority.

ENGLAND: M Sowyave (Lancashire, capt), S Lister (Suffolk), L Bollington (Essex), H Bray (Suffolk), J Brittin (Surrey), L Carr (Lancashire), J Crook (Lancashire), M Edwards (Kent), C Liddell (Essex), D Shorney (Avon) J Thompson (Buckinghamshire), T Wilce (Suffolk)

● There are now only two weekends remaining before the five territorial county champions, who will qualify for the national finals on December 12 to 13, are known. Tomorrow, only the eight counties in the Western Nationwide Anglia tournament will be in action

The most important match is that between Avon, the West champions, and Devon at Yate, Bristol, as both have four wins to their credit. Devon are an up-and-coming team, having already doubled their tally of wins of last season.

Gloucestershire, who meet Dorset at the Royal Agricultural College ground at Cirencester, and Wiltshire, who play Herefordshire, are level on points in third place.

But all eight counties have to play twice more next weekend. Somerset and Cornwall meet and have nothing to lose, having already played the strongest teams.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Quarter-finals: Ards v Coleraine (at Bangor). Portadown v Glentoran.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: First round: Springfield v Barrow

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Talbot Northumberland championships (at Gateshead international stadium); Oxfordshire championships (at Redefield hall, Oxford).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League, Sunderland v Oldham (8.0) Prudential National Cup: Leicester v Solent

RACKETBALL: Marksman Lager North of England championships (at Mansfield), AWSA South of England championships (at Sutton)

RACKETS: Noel Bruce Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington)

REAL TENNIS: Relcom National league (at Holyport, Maidenhead)

SNOOKER: Tennents UK championship (at Preston).

SQUASH RACKETS: North of England Women's open championships (at Heaton tennis and squash club, Bradford).

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships (at Wembley). LTA Women's indoor circuit (at Ball Park, Eastbourne); Junior indoor championships (at Coventry).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: National League: Divisional championship play-offs: St Louis Cardinals v San Francisco Giants. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow).

GO FOR GOAL: Surrey v Hertfordshire: Knockout competition for Leisure centres from the Fountanm leisure centre, Brentford. ITV: 11.30 p.m

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Racing: 2.10, 2.45, 3.20 and 3.55 races from Cheltenham Tennis: Benson and Hedges championships Coverage of the quarter-finals from Wembley Arena. BBC1. 1.50-2.20 p.m. BBC2. 2.20-5.30 p.m.

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships Highlights of this evening's two quarter-final matches from Wembley Arena BBC2: 11.40 p.m (see also Sport on Friday)

Deck the shelves with books not holly — *The Times* reviews the situation

A natural enemy to pomposity



Those who lack the taste for sport find it quite incredible that there are lots of us who like the stuff. Many people think sport is a kind of intellectual regression. But some of them have kind hearts and decide to indulge sporting friends in a sporting book for Christmas.

A perusal of the sporting bookshelf is normally enough to confirm every possible intellectual prejudice. "Do they really like these things? I suppose they must," murmur our friends, and bewildered they buy one of the dreadful cloned sports books that clutter the shelves and which will probably bore us rigid when we get it.

Yes, the sports books are pouring out at their usual pre-Christmas rate, so let us catch up with some of them. Any book that breaks the mould of sports writing is worth a second look, and so let us start with Jeffrey Bernard's *Talking Horses*.

Bernard boasts that he was fired from *The Sporting Life*, and wrote a racing column in *Private Eye* under the memorable name of Colonel Mad. He was fired from that, too. He writes the "Lowlife" column in *The Spectator*. He writes mostly about getting drunk and losing money on the horses.

The book chronicles a year at the races, the year being, for some reason, 1977 (The Minstrel won the Derby). Drinking bouts follow betting binges, themselves followed by terrifying and unexplained trips to hospitals. "I lay in bed trembling for a day or two, and when I came to, a nurse told me I'd been raving and saying things like 'I'll take evens'. 'Did I ask for my wife?' I asked. 'No, but you did ask for *The Life*'."

Bernard is a natural enemy to pomposity and pretension, which makes him slightly unusual in racing. He can write, too. I have no idea how much of the autobiographical content is for real, and how much is literal persona, but Bernard is at pains to put himself forward as a layabout living entirely for pleasure.

Living for pleasure must be the hardest vocation of them all. Every day must be a disappointment. The betting, as Bernard says, a search for disappointment. This is a weird and interesting book: I bet it reads better than it lived. But it certainly reads very well.

The trouble with most ghosted autobiographies is that the subject is always at great pains to project himself as a thoroughly good chap. Not *Snake*, and Ken Stabler, the former quarter-back of the mighty Oakland Raiders. He is at pains to project himself as a good ol' boy. "People think all I do is drink, raise hell and stay out all night — and they are pretty close to the truth," he says.

He writes of great big jars of amphetamine freely available to players (this in the early '70s, pre-crackdown days): "I haven't seen myself on speed, but I saw my team-mates on the sidelines before and during games. Their eyes would get real big and they'd have a kind of wild, distant look in them. They would be so wired they couldn't stop moving their jaws and grinding their teeth . . . the guys also kept reaching for the Gatorade to get some moisture in mouths that felt like they'd just crawled across the Mojave Desert.

"They would slake their thirst and five minutes later toss down more Gatorade. Everywhere you looked, you'd see wild-eyed guys slurping Gatorade and moving their jaws like an old man at gumming food — and you knew they were ready to play."

The tone is lively, unrepentant and brutalizing. It projects Stabler as a great big bad mother: as such it is no more honest than the "nice guy" books. He is not big on his insecurities, you might say. But the book doesn't fudge, and is terrifically readable. It is the side of the game they don't show on television. Indeed, anything to do with American football that doesn't involve the presenters on Channel 4 must be a good thing.

The season's best researched book is certainly David Frith's *Pageant of Cricket*. It is a picture book: it contains 2,000 photographs, drawings and paintings, edited down from 10,000, it begins with a bat and ball picture from a thirteenth century psalter and 635 pages later ends with a picture of England's Ashes-retainers.

There are pictures of everything here: every incident and every person of cricketing note is recorded: often with pictures that have not been seen for years. Frith writes in his introduction: "Although it has been hinted that a predilection for pictures is a betrayal of the craft of words, I prefer to believe that the reality of a good photograph surpasses beyond calculation even man's most distinguished attempts at verbal description."

I can give this book no finer compliment than to say it is worth the money they are asking for it: £30 is a hefty price, but at one and a half pence per picture it still represents value.

Talking Horses, by Jeffery Bernard, illustrated by Michael Heath. Published by Fourth Estate, price £10.95.

Snake, by Ken Stabler with Berry Stainback. Published by Sportspages/Simon and Schuster, price £9.95.

Pageant of Cricket, by David Frith. Published by Macmillan, price £30.

Other titles received include:

Lucker: Golden Boot, pictures by Bob Thomas, words by Rob Hughes. Published by Collins Willow, price £8.95. Lots of good shots of the boy wonder, with a very decent essay from Hughes.

Official Rules of Sports and Games 1988-89. Published by Kingswood, price £12.95. This worthy tome now includes the rules of "British American Football: Deliberately teaching players to violate the rules as indefensible. The coaching of intentional holding, beating the ball, illegal shifting, feigning injury, interference, or illegal forward passing such as the 'forward fumble' will break down rather than aid in the building of the character of players." From Archery to Water Polo via Eaton Fives: an immaculate reference book.

The Phoenix Book of International Rugby, by John Griffiths. Published by Dent, price £25. It claims to be the most comprehensive book on international rugby ever published. It has statistics that go from the dawn of time up to the World Cup. Pricey: buy it for a total rugby worshipper you love very much indeed.

Pretty Polly — an Edwardian Heroine, by Michael Tanner. Published by the National Horse Racing Museum, price £4.95. Biography of "The outstanding female figure in the history of the English turf," a filly who won 22 consecutive races in England. A worthwhile little volume.

S Korea receives 65 applications

Seoul (Reuter) — Sixty-five countries have so far confirmed that they will attend the 1988 summer Olympic Games, the organizers said yesterday.

There were no communist countries among the 65 which have formally accepted the invitations to the Games. The deadline for applications is January 17.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) sent the official invitations to a record 167 countries on September 17, exactly a year before the opening ceremony.

The 65 include 18 countries from Europe, 15 from Asia, 12 from Africa, 15 from South and North America and five from Oceania, the organizers said.

South Korea, which was awarded the Games in 1981, is yet to settle a bitter dispute with North Korea over staging the Olympics to avert any communist boycott of the games.

The communist North demanded in 1985 that the Games be shared between its capital Pyongyang and Seoul, capital of western-aligned South Korea, saying the Olympics belonged to all Korean people.

Four rounds of talks between North and South Korea at IOC headquarters in Lausanne, failed to resolve the crisis.

In an effort to appease the North, the IOC and Seoul offered in July to hand over 10 of the 237 individual events, an offer North Korea called grossly inadequate.

● TOKYO: North Korea yesterday said for the second time in less than a month, that it could compete in next year's Games — possibly as a joint-Korean team — if a democratic government was formed in South Korea (AFP reports).

If the Olympic Games were held under a democratic regime, the two sides would be able to flexibly discuss and solve the co-hosting problem from the stand of promoting national unity, the North Korean Central News Agency said.

North Korean Olympic Committee chairman, Kim Yu-Sun, said three weeks ago if a democratic force came to power in South Korea's presidential election on December 16, a single team could be formed.

Pyongyang has demanded at least six sports, including the entire football tournament and being named Olympic co-hosts, otherwise it will try to lead a boycott.

FENCING

A need for sharpness

Because of pressure from selectors, women's foil and men's épée fencers need to look sharp at the Welsh open tournament in Cardiff this weekend.

In the women's foil, the Welsh is the last qualifying event for the top eight fencing in the next World Cup competition in Goppingen, West Germany, to gain Olympic points.

The top half easily qualify (Linda Martin, Fiona McIntosh, Liz Thurley and Linda Strachan), but nine women could qualify for the bottom half: Kim Cecil, Nicola Crauford, Ann Brannon, Maureen Lloyd, Amanda Ferguson, Jane Hanlon, Helen Cattle and Katie Arup, a former Olympic fencer

In the men's épée, this is the second opportunity to qualify for the Challenge Martini International Epee, the A grade event held in London in March.

British team members and the British modern pentathalon squad, including the bronze medal winning team from the last world championships (Dominic Mahoney, Richard Phelps, and Peter Hart), will make it a tough competition

RACING: BALDING'S HENNESSY HOPEFUL IN TOP TRIM TO MAKE WINNING SEASONAL REAPPEARANCE IN COMPETITIVE CHELTENHAM CHASE

Kildimo to strengthen Cup claims

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Kildimo, the seven lengths winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham last March, is napped to win the Allied Dunbar Handicap Chase there today on his seasonal debut.

Discussing the horse yesterday, trainer Toby Balding said that while Kildimo will come on for the race he is certainly fit enough to make a winning reappearance if he is good enough. I have no doubt about his ability.

Balding reasoned that he decided to go for today's race instead of accepting an alternative engagement at Wincanton yesterday because he saw sense in getting more practice at Cheltenham as they hope to return to the course for the Gold Cup next March.

Kildimo's more immediate objective is the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury later this month. Success today will not entail a penalty.

Kildimo will need to be as fit as his trainer suggests he is if he is to beat Playschool, who has an 11lb pull for that defeat in the Sun Alliance Chase. However, Playschool fell on his seasonal debut at Kempton Park.

With Run And Skip, Stearsby, Gainsay, Plundering and Risk A Bet all standing their ground today's race is brimful with interest. Run And Skip and Stearsby are past winners of the Welsh National while Plundering's achievements include two wins at Cheltenham and a famous victory in the Whitbread Gold Cup.

Gainsay, Roadster and the former hunter chaser Risk A Bet are others who have won at Cheltenham too. On a point of handicapping there should be little between Risk A Bet and Golden Minstrel, who finished first and third respectively in a similar race at Newbury three weeks ago. Golden Minstrel is now 6lb better off for three lengths.

If Kildimo measures up to Balding's expectations it could easily be the second of two winners for the stable who have high hopes of also winning the British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Handicap Hurdle with **Beech Road**.

The fly in the ointment is obviously Chemist Broker who turned a similar race at Sandown Park last month into a procession.

However, I find it significant that Beech Road missed what looked an easier opportunity at Devon and Exeter on Tuesday to wait for this. That event went to The Leggett whom he had beaten by 12 lengths the time before. So the form looks pretty solid.

Visitors to Prestbury Park, which has been turned into a country fair for the day, will also have the treat of seeing the two-mile champion *Pearlyman contest the John* Seyfried Mickleton Chase which French Union won last year.

A winner three times already over this course and distance, Pearlyman will be better for that race against Very Promising in the west country last month. Also, he comes from a stable which is currently on a crest.

With three wins behind him already this season **Rowlandsons Jewels** now looks poised to land a four-timer in the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle qualifier.

At Market Rasen, I rather doubt Alkepa's ability to give even 2lb to **Bucko** in the *Limestone Edward Handicap* Chase.

There was much to like about the way that Bucko shaped in his first race of the season at Newcastle where he finished third behind stable companion Strands Of Gold.

Also at Market Rasen, I fancy **Little Bay's** chance of winning the Red Lion Handicap Chase even with 12st 7lb on his back. He was far from disgraced at Ascot last time out when finishing third behind Long Engagement and Panto Prince.

Dancing Brave fighting back

By George Rae

Dancing Brave yesterday showed a slight improvement in his fight against Marie's Disease.

The 1986 Racehorse of the Year, now based at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, was diagnosed as being afflicted by the disease on Wednesday.

"Marie's Disease is a relatively rare illness and there are few papers on the subject in medical literature," said Dr Andrew Higgins, the director-designate of the Animal Health Trust at Newmarket, where Dancing Brave's condition was first diagnosed. "But it is not contagious.

"However, the illness is not confined to horses and cases have been reported in a lot of animals, notably dogs and even humans.

"The focal point of the disease is a primary lesion (abnormality) in the body, which, it is believed, stimulates a major nerve in the body, the Vegus Nerve, into increasing the flow of blood to the peripheries and so encouraging the deposition of bone and tissue," he added. "Any additional bone tissue, once laid down, will be there permanently as spurs on the bone.

"There is no specific treatment of the disease but the first step is to locate and identify the lesion, and then decide on the necessary treatment, if indeed it can be treated. It is really a question of taking one step at a time," Dr Higgins said.

Although Maries Disease is rare Dancing Brave's case may not be unprecedented. The high-class hurdler Aonoch, when he was trained by Sally Oliver, was once diagnosed as suffering from the disease by a prominent veterinary surgeon.

"Aonoch had a series of bony enlargements on his legs," Henry Oliver, the trainer's husband, said yesterday. "But they never interfered with his action and in fact he raced when he had the lumps."

Delayed award

Champion jockey Steve Cauthen will be presented with the Jockeys Association's Wilfred Sherman trophy at Cheltenham today. He was expecting to receive the trophy at Doncaster last Saturday, but that plan was shelved at the 11th hour by the racecourse manager, Don Cox.

Happy return for Scudamore on Bolands Cross



Scudamore: comeback win on bold Bolands Cross

Peter Scudamore, grounded for two days after a fall at Wolverhampton on Monday, returned with a victory on Bolands Cross, who came right back to his best with an exhibition round in the Silver Buck Handicap Chase at Wincanton yesterday.

Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin's eight-year-old jumped boldly and led from the start to beat Against The Grain by 10 lengths.

"That was ideal. Everything went according to plan," said his relieved trainer, Nick Gaselee. "He certainly jumped well today. I think its all a question of confidence, and that's done the confidence of all of us a bit of good.

"He'll now go to Lingfield for the race he won last year, or to Ascot for the SGB Chase. He wasn't entered for the Hennessy, because we thought we would take it quietly with him for the first bit."

The Queen Mother's Sun Rising, 5lb better handicapped in the Badger Beer Handicap Chase than he was at Ascot a fortnight ago, displaced Dudie as favourite and did not let his backers down, battling home by 2½ lengths from Imperial Champagne.

But his jockey Kevin Mooney had a harder time than his mount. Up with the leaders from the start, Sun Rising looked beaten when Imperial Champagne took a clear lead turning out of the back straight. But Mooney forced the favourite back into the lead again at the second last.

The jockey came back blowing much harder than Sun Rising and the winning trainer's wife, Cath Walwyn, commented: "He is a very hard ride *but he does do it in the end.* He is terribly lazy and only does what he has to do. Poor Kevin is exhausted. I think it might be a good idea to try him in blinkers, although I don't think it would be very popular with his owner. She adores him."

Scudamore gave a powerful performance on Rainbow Lady in the Bristol Polytechnic Still Standing Handicap Hurdle, but the combination were beaten half a length by Man O'Magic who was brought wide on his own by Paul Croucher.

Guy Upton put up 3lb overweight on Larchwood in the opening event and the mare drifted in the betting from 5-1 to 10-1. But nothing could stop her beating a big field very convincingly.

Larchwood crossed the line four lengths ahead of Wild Sap and trainer Simon Christian said: "I thought she would win the mares final at Newbury last March but like so many of my horses, she was never quite right last season."

Bite leads to £300 fine

An insect bite led, to John Balding being fined £300 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee in London yesterday.

The committee heard that the Doncaster trainer's *Celtic Bird* had failed a dope test after winning at Thirsk on July 31.

Balding administered an anti-histamine cream to insect bites *on the horse's shoulder and* tests showed the prohibited substance mepyramine was present *in the animal's urine.*

At a separate inquiry, Richard Whitaker was fined £500 and his horse Tobermory Boy disqualified from first place in the Ronaldshay Cup at Redcar last June.

The urine of the horse was found to contain four banned substances which had found their way into the horse's system after the equine medication Collavet had been inadvertently given to the animal.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Perroquet.
1.35 Beech Road.
2.10 Rowlandsons Jewels.
2.45 Pearlyman.
3.20 **KILDIMO** (nap).
3.55 Ghofar.

By Michael Seely

1.35 **CHEMIST BROKER** (nap). 2.45 Pearlyman. 3.20 Risk A Bet.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.35 **CHEMIST BROKER.**

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 **TIMESFORM 74** (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form. (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft

1.0 COLN VALLEY FISH & GAME COMPANY NOVICES CHASE (Amateurs: £3,862: 3m) (18 runners)

102	3002/14	**DONALD DAVIES 20** (BF,G) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-13	R Bellamy	83
104	400	*ARTFUL FELLA 17 (B) (P Rodford) P Rodford 9-11-7*	B Towers	—
105	22-2034	**BEACONSIDE** 14 (J Brooks) J Brooks 10-11-7	T Grantham	84
106	PP	**BONNY MILAN 8** (D Lowe) R Hollinshead 5-11-7	G Lyons	—
107	0	**BYNACONDRA 9** (Abbey Car Sales Ltd) W Kemp 6-11-7	A Welsh	—
108	0/P2U-	**FLYING-X-RAY 191** (A Holmes) R Manning 8-11-7	C Farrell	82
109	3/0042-F	**GREEN RIDGE 28** (Uncol Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 8-11-7	T Mitchell	82
111	0F	**MANDORLEAN 16** (Mrs J Beatby) Mrs J Beatby 7-11-7	T Thomson Jones	—
112	0/4FF0-	*MR PINKERTON 231 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-11-7*	G Oxley	72
113	0F400-2	**MR SEAGULL 31** (F) (H Handel) N Gaselee 8-11-7	Miss H Handel	85
116	00P0/2	**PERROQUET 15** (G Vergette) G Vergette 7-11-7	Mrs H Vergette	89
117	0/1123-U	**POLLEN BEE 9** (G,S) (Mrs L Dresher) O Sherwood 6-11-7	D Benneyworth	—
118	4008/0-P	**RELMORE 20** (G) (P Morgan) P Pritchard 7-11-7	—	—
119	0PP/	**RHYME 716** (P Tory) P Tory 7-11-7	A Tory	—
121	00/F022	**TENESAINT 8** (C Saunders) C Saunders 5-11-7	Mrs J Saunders	● 99
122	32300-0	**TEN IN HAND 36** (S) (J Czechanowski) M Hinchliffe 7-11-7	Miss S Lawrence	96
124	03/P02F-	**UTOPIAN 407** (Roe Racing Ltd) G Roe 9-11-7	C Lumsden	74
125	322120	**CELTIC FLORA 15** (F,S) (Mrs M Watt) G Balding 6-11-2	A Mullins	—

BETTING: 7-2 Pollen Bee, 4-1 Celtic Flora, 9-2 Donald Davies, 6-1 Green Ridge, 8-1 Tenesaint, 10-1 Mr Seagull, Ten In Hand, 12-1 Flying X-Ray, Mr Pinkerton, 14-1 others.

1986: HINTER CITY 8-11-7 Miss H Handel (5-1) H Handel 9 ran

FORM DONALD DAVIES well-beaten 4th to Bob Tisdall at Stratford (3m 2f): earlier 5l Worcester winner (11-0) from Military Band (11-0) (2m 4f, £1581, good, Oct 9, 16 ran). BEACONSIDE (10-0) 19l 4th to Geisa An Uisce (10-1) in Devon handicap (3m 1f, £1867, good to soft, Oct 30, 14 ran). GREEN RIDGE, a faller on reappearance, has claims on 7l Chepstow 2nd (17-3) to Kittinger (11-9) (2m 4f, £1794, soft, Jan 27, 13 ran). TENESAINT, amateur ridden, showed improvement to finish 7l 2nd (11-0) to odds-on Bob Tisdall (11-5) at Stratford (2m 6l, £3876, good to soft, Nov 5, 15 ran), with BONNY MILAN (11-0) pulled up. TEN IN HAND, behind over hurdles last month, showed best form over fences when 8l 2nd (11-0) to easy winner Ten Plus (11-0) at Newbury (3m, £2146, soft, Jan 2, 8 ran).

Selection: TENESAINT

1.35 BTRB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,701: 2m 5f) (19 runners)

203	0/1041-0	**MOLOJEC 13** (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10	J Leech	90
204	0/4F20-1	*BEECH ROAD 14 (S) (T Geake)* G Balding 5-11-10 (5ex)	A Charlton	91
206	0/20000-	**CELTIC TIME 225** (F,S) (Mrs R Dennier) A J Wilson 10-11-8	S Cowley	90
208	1/0003F-	**HALF BROTHER 265** (S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4	D Byrne	89
214	401-	**HIGH PERFORMANCE 230** (S) (T Ludlow) F Winter 5-10-13	V Kennedy	86
215	20-4100	**BRONZE EFFIGY 8** (D,G,S) (R Hennques) M Henriques 5-10-13	Jessica Charles Jones	82
218	0/003F-0	**HILL-STREET-BLUES 13** (F,S) (L Marsh) J Fox 9-10-11	P Bowman	82
220	0/0004-1	**CHEMIST BROKER 13** (D,F,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 7-10-10 (5ex)	I Shoemark	● 99
222	3F00-U	*GUESSING 16 (Racegoers Club Owners Group 1986) P Mitchell 4-10-7*	T Pinfield	85
225	120010-	**HENRY LANCASTER 277** (S) (M Griffin) T Hallett 8-10-5	Samantha Dunster	81
226	0404-00	**OWEN'S PRIDE 6** (S) (M Usher) M Usher 5-10-4	A Mulholland	95
229	402202	**WHITERIVER GROVE 100** (F,G) (Mrs K Hamer) Mrs G Jones 7-10-3	D Mustow	96
230	2P123F-	**INCAMELIA 157** (G) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-10-3	—	85
231	1/000-04	**CONA GLEN 8** (S) (Lady McGowan) T Forster 6-10-2	C Llewellyn	93
232	0P/4-U14	**EDWARD'S CORNER 14** (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Dooler) J Dooler 9-10-1	S Turner	85
233	01P00-0	**SUNSHINE GAL 4** (D,F,G,S) (T Parlons) R Hodges 9-10-1	W Irvine	91
234	F030P-0	**POLISH 20** (S) (D) (R Brookhouse) R Dickin 9-10-0	Martin Jones	—
241	00044-4	**ARTESIUM 20** (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 5-10-0	P Holley	75
245	0P000P-	**WATERFORD WAY 195** (P Whitaj R Hollinshead 4-10-0	M Botterill	—

BETTING: 11-4 Chemist Broker, 7-2 Beech Road, 5-1 High Performance, 8-1 Edward's Corner, Molojec, 10-1 Cona Glen, Incamelia, 12-1 Guessing, Half-Brother, 14-1 Celtic Time, Bronze Effigy, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM BEECH ROAD (11-11) easy 8l winner from The Processor (11-3) on reappearance at Devon (2m 1f, £2387, good to soft, Oct 30, 17 ran). May improve further. HIGH PERFORMANCE (11-0) comfortably beat Hiani (11-0) 12l in novices' event at Newbury final start last season (2m 100yd, £2281, heavy, Mar 28, 20 ran). HENRY LANCASTER (10-0) made all to beat BRONZE EFFIGY (10-1) 2l at Newton Abbot last season (2m 5f 110yd, £2513, heavy, Jan 22, 13 ran). CONA GLEN (10-0) 10¾l 4th to Mountain Crash (10-4) at Stratford with BRONZE EFFIGY (10-3) 2¼l 5th (2m 6f, Stratford, good to soft, Nov 5, 11 ran). CHEMIST BROKER (10-0) on reappearance at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, £2860, good to soft, Oct 31, 13 ran) quickened well to beat Touch Of Luck (10-0) 25l. SUNSHINE GAL made no show on reappearance over 2m at Plumpton last season; later (10-3) at same track (2m 4f, £3397, good to soft, Mar 17, 12 ran) beat Lafosse (11-0) 2¼l.

Selection: CHEMIST BROKER

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
O Sherwood	9	39	23.1
S Mellor	13	58	22.4
J Jenkins	10	46	21.7
F Winter	36	178	20.2
D Elsworth	14	99	14.1
N Henderson	18	134	13.4

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	13	76	17.1
G Bradley	12	79	15.2
R Dunwoody	15	131	11.5
P Scudamore	34	301	11.3
R Rowe	15	160	9.4

Only qualifiers

2.10 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,222: 3m 1f) (23 runners) BBC 1

301	0P0/41	**CLUGA GURM 15** (G) (D Coombs) A Barrow 6-11-8	B Powell	84
304	0300-13	**MAGIC MOTION 21** (G) (Mrs J Howell) J Edwards 6-11-8	T Morgan	86
305	202-111	**ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 21** (C,F,G) (Rowlandsons) D M-Smith 6-11-8	P Croucher	● 99
306	F3403-0	**ABBA LAD 8** (Abbo Double Glazing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	88
307	0/002-3	**AH HELLO 13** (Middleton Agg Ltd) J Jenkins 6-11-0	S Sherwood	74
309	234F21-	**BORDER LAD 226** (S) (R Fabers) M Oliver 5-11-0	E Buckley	—
312	0	*COME ON CITY 23 (Mrs M Hickman) R Hickman 6-11-0*	B Dowling (4)	—
313	00-00	**FAIR DANIEL 8** (J Duggan) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0	M Perrett	—
315	002-	**FOXBOROUGH LAD 206** (P Lamb) P Hobbs 8-11-0	Peter Hobbs	93
316	002/30-F	**GLEN-ROY-BOY 6** (B) (Privilege Supply Co Ltd) A James 5-11-0	M Hoad (7)	79
318	000P-0	**LE KINGDOM 15** (Mrs S Birks) M Wilkinson 6-11-0	C Llewellyn (4)	76
320		**MOSS CONNELL** (J Borren) Mrs I McKie 5-11-0	A Webb	—
322	3	**PERFECT DESIGN 38** (G Redwood) Miss J Thorne 5-11-0	—	—
323	220002-	**PYLEIGH PRINCE 171** (Mrs C Bintain) T Ball 6-11-0	—	85
324	040-0	**ROYAL GOSSIP 8** (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 5-11-0	L Harvey (4)	92
329	000-	**WEIRPOOL 220** (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-11-0	G McCourt	—
330	101F21	**WOODBURGH 18** (F,G,S) (M Stevens) J Bosley 9-11-0	M Bosley (4)	87
331	0-33	**DENBERDAR 27** (BF) (D Newton) R Hollinshead 4-10-13	R Dunwoody	85
334	P000-00	**RAVELSTON 15** (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 4-10-13	J Frost	—
337	40000-2	**CHANCE PARTNER 35** (B Thackray) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-9	—	93
338	0040P/0	**LADY DOONE 35** (V Whiteman) R Lee 7-10-9	—	—
340	4/02P0P-	**LIQUER CANDY 206** (Mrs A Wakeham) J Webber 8-10-9	G Mernagh	—
342	PF-0300	**TROPWEN WINBOURNE 50** (R Pritchard) Mrs J Evans 7-10-9	Miss L Wallace (7)	78

BETTING: 2-1 Rowlandsons Jewels, 5-1 Woodburgh, 6-1 Border Lad, 8-1 Forboyough Lad, Magic Motion, 10-1 Chance Partner, Royal Gossip, 12-1 Abba Lad, Cluga Gurm, 14-1 Ah Hello, 16-1 others.

1986: BONANZA BOY 5-11-0 P Hobbs (9-2) Peter Hobbs 14 ran

FORM CLUGA GURM (10-10) improved to beat More Fool You (10-10) 7l at Wincanton last time (2m 5f, £960, good, Oct 29, 23 ran) with LE KINGDOM (10-10) 8½l 5th and RAVELSTON (10-10) unplaced. ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (11-10) had MAGIC MOTION (11-6) 9½l 3rd at Ludlow last time (2m 5f, £1060, good, Oct 23, 18 ran). May improve further. ABBA LAD (11-2) not disgraced at Warwick last March (2m 5f, £1309, soft, Mar 10, 24 ran) when 3l 3rd to Vale Of Secrecy (11-2). FOXBOROUGH LAD (11-2) proved stamina at 3m with good 5l 2nd to Mountain Crash (11-2) at Chepstow last April (£1259, good, 18 ran). PYLEIGH PRINCE (11-0) 3l 2nd to Wyvern (11-1) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £847, firm, May 26, 9 ran). WOODBURGH, yet to win over hurdles, was scoring 6th chase win when (12-0) beating Stubbs Daughter (10-4) 4l at Fakenham last time (3m, £2330, good to soft, Oct 26, 10 ran).

Selection: FOXBOROUGH LAD

2.45 JOHN SEYFRIED MICKLETON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,448: 2m) (7 runners) BBC 2

401	U011F-2	**PEARLYMAN 14** (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P Shawl) J Edwards 8-12-7	P Scudamore	90
403	10/3230-	**KATHIES LAD 223** (F,G,S) (J Clayton) J Jenkins 10-11-1	S Sherwood	91
404	22F10-4	**FRENCH UNION 27** (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-10-7	R Dunwoody	91
405	13220-2	**KARENOMORE 14** (D,BF,G,S) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 9-10-7	L Wyer	● 99
407	2111-01	**BALUCHI 7** (D,F,G,S) (D Squire) B Preece 6-10-0 (5ex)	G Landau	90
410	4120-22	**FEARLESS IMP 10** (D,G,S) (J Trumani) R Shepherd 12-10-0	C Llewellyn (4)	79
411	4203-0P	**ST WILLIAM 20** (D,F,G,S) (W Moracombe) R Hodges 10-10-0	B Powell	80

BETTING: 6-4 Pearlyman, 9-4 Karenomore, 5-1 Kathies Lad, 8-1 French Union, 12-1 Baluchi, 20-1 Fearless Imp, 25-1 St William

1986: FRENCH UNION 8-10-3 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM PEARLYMAN (12-0) proved himself champion two-mile chaser with neck win over Very Promising (12-0) at the Festival here in March (2m, £25775, good, 8 ran). KATHIES LAD (11-6) ran best race of 1986/7 here in last year's Mackeson (2m 4f, £14395, good to firm, Nov 3, 11 ran) when 12l 3rd to Very Promising (11-13). FRENCH UNION'S seven wins have come on good ground or firmer: seen to best effect here (2m, £12198, good, Mar 17, 16 ran) at the Festival when (11-3) a 7½l winner from ST WILLIAM (10-2). BALUCHI (11-11) quickened to beat Centre Attraction (12-2) 8l at Bangor last time (2m, £2002, soft, Nov 6, 7 ran).

Selection: FRENCH UNION

3.20 ALLIED DUNBAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,768: 3m) (9 runners) BBC 2

501	11134P/	**RUN AND SKIP 592** (C,D,F,S) (J Chamberlain) J Spearing 9-12-0	P Scudamore	—
502	0112/P-	**STEARSBY 216** (G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-13	G McCourt	● 99
503	211411-	**KILDIMO 217** (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 7-11-9	G Bradley	93
505	112110-	**GAINSAY 207** (B,C,D,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3	M Pitman	97
506	F2123-F	**PLAYSCHOOL 27** (F,G,S) (R Cottle) D Barons 9-10-12	P Nicholls	92
507	4F0000-	**PLUNDERING 202** (F,G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 10-10-10	B de Haan	92
511	11/111-1	**RISK A BET 21** (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sheppard) Mrs I McKie 8-10-7	S Sherwood	93
513	11031-3	**GOLDEN MINSTREL 21** (D,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 8-10-3	R Rowe	98
517	240F0-4	**ROADSTER 15** (C,D,S) (C Nash) C Nash 11-10-0	R Dunwoody	91

BETTING: 5-2 Risk A Bet, 3-1 Kildimo, 4-1 Playschool, 6-1 Golden Minstrel, 8-1 Stearsby, 10-1 Gainsay, 12-1 Run And Skip, 14-1 Plundering, 16-1 Roadster.

1986: THE LANGHOLM DYER 7-10-10 P Tuck (7-2) G Richards 5 ran

FORM RUN AND SKIP (12-0) last seen out in this country when 4½l 4th of 11 to Dawn Run (11-9) in the 1986 Gold Cup (3m 2f, £54900, good, Mar 13). STEARSBY (11-4) developed into a useful chaser last year; best form 10l 2nd to Desert Orchid (11-10) at Sandown (3m 118yd, £15665, good, Feb 7, 6 ran). KILDIMO (11-4) proved himself the best staying novice of last season with 7l defeat of PLAYSCHOOL (11-4) in the Sun Alliance Chase here (3m, £27740, good, Mar 18, 18 ran). *GAINSAY (10-11) completed the a Cheltenham* Festival-Liverpool double with a 2l win over Golden Friend (11-10) at Liverpool (3m 1f, £6410, good to soft, Apr 3, 10 ran). PLUNDERING disappointed last season following (10-12) 5l 4th to Broadheath (10-5) in the Hennessy at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd, £17448, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran) with STEARSBY (10-9) 10l 6th. RISK A BET (10-13) continued his winning run with a length defeat of Mr Frisk (11-6) at Newbury (3m, £3028, good, Oct 23, 7 ran) with GOLDEN MINSTREL (11-1), who reopposes on 6lb better terms, 2l farther back 3rd. ROADSTER, best on soft ground, ran a respectable race on Wincanton seasonal debut (3m 1f, £4185, good, Oct 29, 8 ran) when (11-3) 9½l 4th to Fudge Delight (11-10).

Selection: GOLDEN MINSTREL

3.55 ALLIED STEEL AND WIRE HURDLE (£3,064: 2m) (5 runners) BBC 2

604	131300-	**GHOFAR 244** (CD,G) (H Dundas) D Elsworth 4-11-6	C Brown	82
605	1200-01	**INDIAN ORATOR 24** (CD,F,S) (C Sutton) R Akehurst 4-11-6	R Dunwoody	97
607	0303-11	**ANYTHING BETTER 14** (D,F,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 4-11-3	G Bradley	90
608	4120F-0	**LINFAST 21** (B,D,S) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-11-3	Steve Knight	● 99
609	0-0	**ROCKY PIT 9** (Mrs M Sullivan) A Denson 5-11-0	P Scudamore	—

BETTING: 5-4 Indian Orator, 7-4 Anything Better, 5-1 Ghofar, 8-1 Linfast, 20-1 Rocky Pit.

1986: SAFFRON LORD 4-11-6 B Powell (5-6 fav) L Kennard 5 ran

FORM GHOFAR, a winner here and at Sandown in the first half of last season, had his limitations exposed on New Year's Day when 20l 3rd (11-7) to High Knowl (11-7) here (2m, £4052, soft, 7 ran). INDIAN ORATOR showed improved form on soft ground at Fontwell last month with 2l beating (11-0) of Windbound Lass (10-3) (2m 2f, £3844, Oct 20, 9 ran). ANYTHING BETTER impressive Devon winner (11-0) from Hope Diamond (11-0) (2m 1f, £1009, good to soft, Oct 30, 15 ran). LINFAST, disappointing last 3 starts, would be thereabouts if reproducing 3l Warwick 2nd (11-5) to Vescast (11-2) (2m, £3650, good, Feb 25, 11 ran).

Selection: INDIAN ORATOR

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Billy Tobin. 1.30 Miss Mayo. 2.0 Paris Match. 2.30 Secret Walk. 3.0 Singing Hills. 3.30 Nautical Joke. 4.0 Gorman Castle.

Going: soft (heavy patches)

1.0 BORCOVICUS NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (21 runners)

1	-F12	**BILLY TOBIN 35** (D,BF,F) S Payne 7-11-10	C Hawkins	
4	-000	**BALINGLANCE 14** R Layland 5-11-0	J D Davies (4)	
7	00-0	**BOY PAINTER 45** J Johnson 4-11-0	R Fahey (7)	
8	PP0-	**CHART FINDER 244** A Smith 5-11-0	G Harker	
9	4022	**DEMI JOHN 24** G Richards 5-11-0	J Hansen	
11	-000	**HUBBARDS LODGE 16** W Reed 4-11-0	—	
12	000-	**INTO THE MYSTIC 188** B McLean 5-11-0	B Storey	
13	00-0	**LONGFORD PASS 48** K Oliver 7-11-0	T Reed	
14	30-0	**MADJIDEC 13** C Tinkler 5-11-0	R Lamb	
17	0	**OH WHY 24** W A Stephenson 5-11-0	Mr A Costello (7)	
18	-002	**OLLETSOC 7** F Watson 9-11-0	C Grant	
19	00P-	**SOVEREIGN STEPS 353** J Jefferson 5-11-0	N Doughty	
21	0/34	**TARNSIDE LAD 27** C Pearce 5-11-0	K Doolan	
24	40-0	**CHANCES PITCH 14** P Daly 6-10-9	Mr M Walsh (7)	
25	0	*DAJOPEDE 35 J Charlton 6-10-9*	P Dennis	
26	04P-	**DERGANNY 198** P Gibbon 7-10-9	—	
27	00-0	**DORIMAY 24** Mrs V Aconley 5-10-9	J J Quinn	
28	0000	**ESPLEY LADY 30** W A Stephenson 4-10-9	K Jones	
29	000-	**KELLY NICOLA 237** C Bell 5-10-9	C Dennis (7)	
30		**KEY ROYAL** J Redfern 6-10-9	S Keightley	
33	00-0	**SIBERIAN MOON 24** Mrs A Speke 7-10-9	A Orkney	

9-4 Demi John, 11-4 Olletsoc, 7-2 Billy Tobin.

1.30 ROMAN WALL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,012: 3m) (7)

3	120-	**LITTLE FRENCHMAN 266** (F,G,S) E Robson 14-11-10	T Reed	
5	-03F	**BLACKHAWK STAR 7** (CD,F,G,S) K Oliver 13-11-9	R Lamb	
6	40-0	**SCARLET TERROR 2** (F,S) R Brewis 9-11-4	NON-RUNNER	
8	0-F0	**MISS MAYO 7** (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 10-10-5	N Smith (7)	
10	3240	**CLONROCHE STREAM 35** (D,G,S) V Thompson	8-10-0 Mr M Thompson (4)	
11	34-0	**BEAU LYON 14** (V,CD,F,S) D Lamb 9-10-0	J O'Gorman (7)	
12	2204	**LEGAL EMPEROR 7** (CD,F,S) M Naughton 9-10-0	A Orkney	

5-2 Little Frenchman, 3-1 Legal Emperor, 4-1 Miss Mayo.

2.0 CORSTOPITUM SELLING HURDLE (£891: 2m)

1	04P-	**DIME AND A DOLLAR 202** (G) G Richards 4-11-0	J Hansen	
2	0-01	**PARIS MATCH 6** (D,F) G Moore 5-11-10	M Hammond	
3		**ACCUMULATE** C Parker 4-11-5	K Doolan	
4	FF/0	**HUNKY 16** P Monteith 5-11-5	D Nolan	
6	4320	**MR GARDINER 7** (V) M Naughton 5-11-5	C Grant	
11	00	**CHEEKY PIGEON 7** R Barr 5-11-0	—	
13	30FF	**QUIVERING 5** J Berkett 4-11-0	A Orkney	
14	U-00	**THE FINK SISTERS 35** (B) T Cunningham 4-11-0	Mr S Cunningham (7)	
15	00P	**BENFIELD MORPETH 51** W Storey 5-10-5	A Carroll	
17	F	**DERMOT FAHY 48** W Storey 5-10-5	D Telfer (7)	
19	04P	**SOCA DANCER 38** (BF) V Thompson 5-10-5	Mr M Thompson (4)	
20	040	**YOUNG WARRIOR 13** Miss M Bell 5-10-5	B Storey	

4-5 Paris Match, 7-2 Dime And A Dollar, 5-1 Mr Gardiner.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 11 winners from 31 rides, 35.5%; J S Wilson, 6 from 24, 25.0%. P Monteith, 8 from 34, 23.5%; K Oliver, 6 from 27, 22.2%; G Richards, 18 from 86, 20.9%; W A Stephenson, 37 from 212, 17.5%.
JOCKEYS: C Grant, 29 winners from 134 rides, 21.6%; R Lamb, 25 from 123, 20.3%. N Doughty, 13 from 69, 18.8%; K Jones, 14 from 81, 17.3%; J Hansen, 8 from 48, 16.7%. B Storey, 16 from 143, 11.2%.

2.30 DAVID EVERS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,384: 2m 4f) (5)

3	10F-	**SECRET WALK 212** (F,G,S) W A Stephenson 6-11-10	R Lamb	
6	FF4-	**SHOOLER PRINCE 242** (D,G,S) F Watson 10-11-3	—	
8	1313	**ANOTHER FLAME 51** (CD,F,G,S) W Storey 10-10-11	A Carroll	
10	03P-	**COEUR VALLIANT 212** (CD,G,S) V Thompson	9-10-10 Mr M Thompson (4)	
11	-02F	*CHIPCHASE 30* (C,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 7-10-10	G Harker	

2-1 Secret Walk, 5-2



Worcester City's Andy Awford: The youngest player to have appeared in an FA Cup match, at the age of 15

Knock-out matches are becoming a way of life for Worcester

Giant-killers of yesteryear are stranded in the backwaters

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

When Worcester City were relegated from the Gola League (now the GM Vauxhall Conference) two years ago, they were the second-best supported club in non-League football. At the time it seemed unthinkable that such a famous name would be absent from the top flight for long. Three seasons later, however, Worcester are still trying to get out of the Beazer Homes League (formerly the Southern League).

Tomorrow they entertain Yeovil Town in an FA Cup first round tie which will bring back memories of better days for both clubs. Yeovil were relegated from the Gola League to the Vauxhall-Opel League in the same season as Worcester — they were the only club that year with better support — and they too have failed to make their expected early return.

Yeovil, however, have experienced nothing like the problems that Worcester have endured in recent times. Managers have come and gone, attendances have fallen and, most crucially, the club has gone through a severe financial crisis.

Worcester's problems came to a head last season, when they went to the brink of closure. George Rooney, manager for the last 13 months, said: "The financial problems had been building up for years. At one stage the debt just to the Inland Revenue was £49,000. We worked very hard to reduce it to about £7,000 and then we were suddenly given 48 hours to find the rest of the money or be closed. We only survived because the local radio station launched a day-long appeal which raised £14,000."

Rooney, who has had wide experience of the non-League game, most notably as coach and assistant manager at Altrincham, worked full time for Worcester until earlier this year, when he decided that the financial pressures had become too much for him. He now works for a local plumbing firm and manages the team on a part-time basis.

"The trouble was that I could never switch off from the financial problems and concentrate fully on the team," he said. "Just being here every morning, when the bills came pouring in through the letter-box, was a real eye-opener. It made me realize that the 90 minutes of football on a Saturday afternoon is really a very small part of a club's affairs.

The club was in such turmoil at one stage that nobody remembered to send off entry forms for the FA Cup and FA Trophy. Worcester's absence from the two competitions last season meant they had to play in all the qualifying rounds this season. To date, they have played 24 matches in knock-out competitions and just six in the league.

"When I was at Altrincham we used to reckon that in order to stand a chance of winning the league we had to play at least half our league programme by Boxing Day," Rooney said. "The Cup games are killing us. We've only got a first team squad of 14 players and recently we've had up to five injuries."

Rooney has had to dig deep into the club's reserve and youth resources. Two 15-year-olds have played in the first team this season and one, Andy Awford, became the youngest player ever to appear in the FA Cup.

Worcester have survived this far in the Cup, despite having been drawn away four times in a row. Tomorrow's home match, particularly with a big crowd in prospect, is a welcome change, but Rooney sees it only as a diversion from his main task. "It's my job to get this club back where it belongs, at the pinnacle of non-League football and with the sort of team it deserves," he said.

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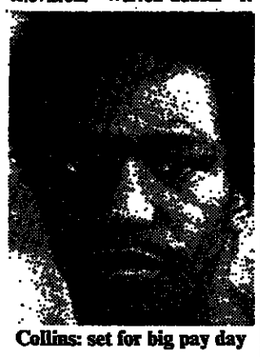
WBA title likely target for Collins

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

If Tom Collins, of Leeds, had not quite won the world title like his arch rival, Dennis Andries, of Hackney, in March, it felt like he had. He was sitting on top of the world yesterday. For in the second round at Usk on Wednesday night he had knocked out Alex Blanchard, of The Netherlands, the world No. 1 of the International Boxing Federation rankings, and No. 2 on the WBA list and lifted his European light-heavyweight title.

As Collins left the darkened room of the cabaret club he smiled like a man who had won the pools. It was like that, too. For after the bout his manager, Trevor Callighan had said: "At 32 he has not got too many fights left in him and I am looking to fetch him some money to get him out while he is still in one piece."

Now Collins can look forward to the biggest pay day of his career, hopefully in high five figures if not six. "I'm in the hands of Frank Warren," Callighan said. "He has the muscle to get us a world title fight and best terms from television." Warren added: "It



Collins: set for big pay day

is like the Andries situation all over again. We could have another world champion."

It is almost certain that as European champion Collins will give up his British title rather than face the dangerous Tony Wilson. Callighan has a choice of options. He could go for the IBF champion, Prince Charles Williams, challenge for the World Boxing Council title vacated by Thomas Hearns, or most likely for Virgil Hill's WBA title.

Warren confirmed that "Collins will most probably box the winner of the December contest between Hill and Rufino Angulo in Paris."

Blanchard had been contemplating these choices. And as the Dutchman, who had beaten Collins comfortably last year, said: "Collins can beat anyone — once. He has an explosive punch. I don't know what hit me. I found myself in my dressing room. But I know next time I will beat him. I will not be caught cold again."

What the 6ft 6in former champion meant was that he would not be taking him lightly again and in the over-confident bullying manner he tried to carry the fight to him next time.

Collins has the boxing ability, when motivated, and the punch to beat both Williams and Hill but Callighan, remembering what happened to Andries, said: "I don't want Collins to fight Thomas Hearns." The way to world titles is paved with the best of intentions.

ITV viewers in Wales did not see the knock-out punch because the bout was not shown on Harlech as planned "because of circumstances beyond our control."

It is believed that the television company withdrew the contest because of advertising on Blanchard's trunks

McKenzie left high and dry

Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, has pulled out of his world flyweight title defence against Duke McKenzie, the European champion, at Wembley on December 2.

Chitalada, who beat Charlie Magri two years ago, first asked for a delay because of influenza, but a problem over contracts has now led to his withdrawal.

RUGBY UNION: BOARD DISCUSSIONS CENTRE ON UNAUTHORIZED TOURS

South Africa appear ready for a short suspension from IRB

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Agen

The International Rugby Football Board will meet in full session at the Chambre du Commerce Industrie here today, outside of which is a road sign declaring a Zone de Silence.

It has been a bit like that all week, as the Board's various committees have met to discuss policy, the laws, amateurism, the World Cup, tours and, of course, the vexed question of the unauthorized South Pacific Barbarians' tour to South Africa.

That tour has been debated over the last two days by the emergency committee, at the behest of the English and Welsh Unions. Both the South African representatives, Fritz Eloff and Jan Pickard, have offered their views to the committee, which consists of Albert Ferrasse, the Board chairman, John Kendall-Carpenter, of England, Ronnie Dawson, of Ireland, Bob Stuart, of New Zealand and Roger Vanderfield, of Australia.

The general feeling of Board members appears to be one of sadness that South Africa, so soon after the New Zealand Cavaliers' 1986 tour, should have permitted another unauthorized visit.

Yet there are no portents of an expulsion. Russ Thomas, the New Zealand Council chairman, put it thus: "When one of the members of the family errs, you should sit down and discuss it. There is nothing to be gained, and possibly a great deal to lose, if you throw them out."

The South Africans appear prepared for some kind of temporary suspension, but what the Board takes with one hand, under their new disciplinary procedure, they can get back with the other.

They could, for instance, exclude South Africa from consultations next year, and limit the possibility of a composite side travelling to the Republic for the centenary of Eastern Province and the golden jubilee of Northern Transvaal, the Currie Cup champions.

At the same time, amendments could be made to the schedule of tours so that a British Lions party, for instance, could travel in 1989, when both the South African Rugby Board and the powerful Transvaal Union have their centenaries.

Already South Africa have indicated that there will be no invitation to Scotland to tour next year (which confirms the first hypothesis), just as they withdrew the invitation to the Lions for last year. But a lot of hopes may be pinned on 1989 (when the Lions were scheduled to make their first full visit to Australia), as the carrot which will prevent leading South African players aggitating for sides to be paid to come.

No one doubts the healthy state of the game in the Republic. Western Province have recently rebuilt the south stand at Newlands in Cape Town, covering their costs of around R10 million (about £2.7 million) by offering hospitality suites and debenture seats, for which they now have a considerable waiting list; Eastern Province have carried out a smaller scale, but similar, exercise at Port Elizabeth. Natal in Durban and the Currie Cup competition has had its most successful financial year ever, gross gate takings increasing by nearly R2 million.

But, as Alex Kellerman, the long-serving manager of the SARB, said yesterday: "You don't know how strong — or weak — you are unless you compete with teams from outside." So the pressure from the public and the players remains for incoming tours and, as Thomas said: "You ask New Zealand's players who they most want to play against, and 90 per cent will tell you, the Springboks."

The threat to the Board remains South Africa's power to over-throw existing amateur principles. A stream of stories emerge about payments being made to players to appear in this or that representative match — denied by officials, as well they might be, since commercial interests in the game are so strong.

The same is true of France and, to a more limited extent, of the home countries. Nearly all have their skeletons.

The reverse side of the coin is the extent to which business in South Africa helps the development of integrated rugby:

All Black duty links grow

From David Hands

New Zealand, the first holders of the Webb Ellis Trophy, accept their responsibility to help the world's emerging nations to develop their rugby and are setting in motion a series of tours, the first of which was that to Japan just ended.

"We feel we have a duty to these countries," Russ Thomas, their Council chairman, said. Both New Zealand and Australia already have a Pacific Aid programme in place, but the All Blacks' links elsewhere are growing; Japan were keen that the best of New Zealand rugby should be shown to their public, who could thus be made aware of the task facing their players.

Argentina are due to send a side to New Zealand in 1989 for six or eight games, including two internationals, and Thomas has written to the American and Canadian Unions suggesting the possibility of a New Zealand B tour to both countries within the next four years.

Such matters will come under discussion early next month, when New Zealand will also decide upon their coach for next year, when they are due to receive Wales and to tour Australia. With Brian Lochore now retired, the position is between John Hart and Alex Wylie.

● The International Board's vice chairman, John Kendall-Carpenter, paused on his way to Agen this week to receive the Adolphe Jauregay Award for his services (as chairman of the World Cup Organizing Committee) to international rugby.

● New members of the Board, Dennis Easby (England), Sir Ewart Bell (Ireland) and Gordon Masson (Scotland) received their initiation on Wednesday and yesterday as they became integrated into the committees dealing with the laws and amateurism.

Kearney called in to hook

By George Ace

Willie Burns, the Lansdowne hooker, is replaced in the Leinster team that meets Munster in Limerick tomorrow by Noel Kearney after failing a fitness test on an ankle injury sustained during Leinster's win over Llanelli on Saturday. Kearney played previously against the South of Scotland.

A broken finger has ruled Colin Morrison out of the Ulster team that travels to Galway for the match against Connacht. He is replaced in the second row by John Rogers. Connacht have been forced to replace Henry O'Toole, at full back, and Mick Tarpey, at lock.

O'Toole, who is suffering from an ankle injury, gives way to Francis O'Beirn, who made one previous appearance for the western province during their pre-season tour in France. Vincent Ryan takes Tarpey's place, the St Mary's College player having been unable to shake off a groin strain.

There is still some doubt about the fitness of Colm Tucker, the Munster back-row forward. He is having trouble with an old back injury, and though he is expected to play, confirmation will not be forthcoming until tonight. There is also a cloud over Philip Danahar, the full back.

The crown rests uneasily on the head of the chosen one

By Gerald Davies

The good old, bad old times are back. Perhaps they have never been away: perhaps it only seemed like it. The old quarrel, as to who should play at stand-off half for Wales, will run its course through the countryside like an evangelical flame between now and late January, when the first of the season's teams is chosen.

It has all been very quiet of late with Jonathan Davies, you will have noticed, having made himself pretty much at home in that position. But down in the Four Ale bar and other convivial sideshows, something is beginning to stir.

Those with a sure sense, they believe, of history may argue, though none too persuasively, that a Welsh stand-off half will only perform at his best if pursued by the bare and insistent challenge of another, who is of a different style and temperament.

Hereabouts, they like them in contrasting pairs. In such a way the blame and the praise can be apportioned according to who is, or who is not, playing. The argument is never lost and, more often than not, is carried in favour of whoever it is on the sidelines.

Thus it was that Jonathan Davies himself arose out of the ashes of an argument, which had



Jonathan Davies: man apart

raged over several years, about Gareth Davies and Malcolm Dacey. Emerging from the sidelines as the underdog the current stand-off half played to great acclaim. Now the crowd demands that someone should nibble at his heels.

The man who wears the crown has to suffer the agony, rather more than enjoy the ecstasy of his position.

For a season and more now no one has given the slightest hint that anyone other than Jonathan Davies should occupy the jewel's place in the Welsh rugby team's crown. But after his performance against the Eagles last week, there are those who see in Bleddyn Bowen a contender for the position. His performance was thought to have been "tidy", a word of common approbation.

It was nice to be tidy, nice even to be nice. He is a lovely player in the centre and around whom there is a concensus of good opinion, which could see him as the captain of the Welsh team.

It is not so with Jonathan Davies. He stands apart and divides opinion. He estranges people. In him there is a brilliance they recognize but can not quite fathom, and therefore, distrust. There is nothing safe about him: his game is full of extravagant gestures and such adventure that "tidy" would hardly be a fitting description of the state of his play.

But there it is, the argument has suddenly taken wing. It might be that the Welsh selectors' collective finger may hover, perversely, in the curious Celtic manner, on the self-destruct button.

But before they suffer any rush of blood to the brain and fly headlong into a hasty decision, they might put themselves in the shocs of their opposite numbers in selection committees elsewhere, and ponder, from among their ranks, which player is likely to cause the greater confusion. If it is not Jonathan Davies then they are in possession of some dark, conspiratorial secret which is denied others.

Coach hits out at abuse

The Newport coach, Charlie Faulkner, has appealed to Rodney Parade fans to call a halt to the verbal abuse which, he says, is upsetting players and could drive some to join other clubs.

Faulkner has disclosed that the centre, Chris Manley who has been one of the targets for the insults, has considered refusing to pay in home matches.

Faulkner said Newport did well against Moseley on Saturday, even though they slipped to another narrow defeat, and he is looking for a confidence-boosting win over visitors Aberavon tomorrow. The lock, Robert Young, replaces John Widdecombe whose Devon calls make him unavailable for three matches.

Confident St Cyres stay unbeaten

By Michael Stevenson

St Cyres Comprehensive School, from Penarth, are, like Wath CS, busy trying to disprove the merchants of doom and gloom on the subject of state sector sport. Their first XV have played nine and won nine, scoring 269 points to 49 conceded in the process. Their second XV is also unbeaten.

Outstanding wins were against: Brynteg (14-8), Glantaf (35-14), Cardiff HS (24-4) and Hawthorn CS (29-4). Last August the master-in-charge, John Williams, took 34 boys to Canada, touring in the Vancouver and Victoria areas.

The proudest moment was when four St Cyres boys, including the Commonwealth captain, Alex Meddins, represented a Commonwealth XV against a North American XV. Only nine of the side which toured Canada have left school

One of the greatest joys of school sport is to see an initially vulnerable and inexperienced side improve appreciably, which is the story of Prior Park College, from Bath. They lost to King's, Bruton (6-16) and Wellington School (0-24) but thereafter deprived Monkton Combe of their unbeaten record (18-12) and drew with Kingswood who were also unbeaten. Bryanston were narrowly beaten (4-0) and Oratory, Dauntseys and Reading have also been defeated.

The Wells Cathedral School may be more universally famous for its music but it is enjoying a very respectable rugby season, having won seven from nine matches.

Their two best wins locally were against Bristol Cathedral School and Milton Abbey but their tour of the St Ives area brought victories over King's, Peterborough (10-4), Hitching Broke (4-0) and Wisbech (47-9).

Kelly College, Tavistock are unbeaten (played nine: won nine). They have only 250 boys which makes their record the more remarkable, their most recent wins being against Truro (10-3), Exeter College (4-0) and West Buckland (4-0).

Bradford GS and Ampleforth have still not lost, though the first named were extended by Newcastle-under-Lyme and Pocklington. Wellington (Berks) are also unbeaten.

YACHTING

Dickson showdown for Warden Owen

From a Special Correspondent, Sagami Bay, Japan

Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, leads the first round standings of the Nippon Cup after four races. He is the only one of the eight skippers who is undefeated in this international match racing series.

The winds here were light, far from ideal for match racing, but the competition was spectacularly close. Much hung on gaining the advantage in the pre-start manoeuvres and Dickson always showed his experience here.

He lost one of his races, on the water, to Gary Jobson, of the United States, but the result was reversed by the international jury after protest, finding that Jobson fouled the New Zealander and was disqualified.

Jobson also went down, on a jury decision in another of his races, against Marc Bouet, of France. That too concerned an incident just before the start of the race.

Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, obtained three wins in his four matches and has the consolation of knowing that he has met three of his strongest opponents. He fared particularly well and only lost his one match, to Jobson, when he let his opponent off the hook with one minute to go.

Warden Owen pinned Jobson close to the committee boat; both boats were on port tack with the British skipper to windward. Then with a minute to go Warden Owen tacked away and arrived at the other end of the line early with Jobson then able to take over the initiative.

In his match against Peter Gilmour, winner of the two previous series this season, Warden Owen looked particularly commanding. He contained the normally aggressive Australian and led by two lengths across the start and built on that lead throughout the race.

His next match was against Peter Isler, of the United States, and the confidence that he had gained was startlingly obvious. He took the match to Isler and led from the start. His final match of the first day provided an easy win over Kazunori Komatsu, the Japanese champion.

Three wins sees WardenOwen sharing second place with Bouet, who he meets today, before completing the first round against Toshio Toya, of Japan, and Dickson.

RESULTS: (after 4 four races): 1, C Dickson (NZ), 4 wins, 2=, M Bouet (Fr) and E Warden-Owen (GB), 3; 4=, P Isler (US), P Gilmour (Aus), G Jobson (US), 2; 7=, K Konatsu and T Toya (Japan) 0.

Yachting diary

Marketing plan brings in IMG

Mark McCormack and his International Management Group have been selected by the International Yacht Racing Union to spearhead plans to market the sport world-wide.

After fighting a losing battle against creeping sponsorship and professionalism within yachting for several years, delegates at the union's annual conference in London last week finally bowed to the inevitable — though not before voting to take a two per cent levy from the promotional budgets of those companies sponsoring yachts.

IMG's role is to market the IYRU's principle events including the women and youth championships, to provide an income to support grass-root levels and the union itself.

The company's first task is to co-ordinate an international conference for race organizers and sponsors to discuss ways to raise the sport's profile. Called Sail-In '88, the event, hosted by James Capel in London on January 14, will be addressed by the top names in journalism as well as by others from the world of sports management and sponsorship.

The IYRU will then produce a booklet based on the day's discussions, setting out guidelines for race organizers on the management of media interests, both on and off the water.

Contract in jeopardy

The controversy surrounding the supply of sailboards for the next Olympics still smoulders. Mike Evans, director general of the IYRU, had hoped to dampen the growing chorus of discontent from American and Australasian countries who have still to receive their first deliveries of the Lechner Div II Olympic board, by announcing that Reg White, of Great Britain, would commence building the boards under licence.

Unfortunately, the first set of moulds produced by the Austrian builder failed to measure, fuelling the argument from those that have yet to see, let alone sail on, one of the Olympic boards, that the IYRU should now cut its losses and declare the Olympic event open to all types of Div II boards.

Yesterday, however, Mike Evans gave assurances that new moulds were being despatched to White as well as to two US-licenced builders in a last effort to reduce the backlog of orders.

RORC call to yacht owners

Britain is not sending a team to this winter's Southern Cross ocean racing series in Australia. This was made official yesterday when a spokesperson for the Royal Ocean Racing Club announced that plans to charter three local yachts for the event had fallen through due to lack of money.

The London-based club expects greater interest in the Clipper Cup series off Hawaii next July, and yesterday called on all yacht owners who wish to be considered for the British team to contact them

The $100,000 travel grant, awarded to the club by the Hawaiian organizers after Britain finished first among the European teams in this year's Admiral's Cup, is expected to prove a greater incentive.

Among those known to be interested are two of the owners whose efforts helped secure the shipping costs — Graham Walker, who already has plans to take Indulgence to the SORC off Florida in February, and Michael Peacock with Juno, who also wants to compete in next year's One Ton Cup off San Francisco.

However, others expected to show just as keen an interest are the club's former Commodore, Robin Aisher, and Ernest Juer, whose 50-foot yachts, Yeoman XXVII and Blizzard, failed to gain selection for the British AC team.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tolerance plea in refereeing crisis

By Keith Macklin

Referees, ever the butt of criticism and jokes, are reeling from the most serious and sustained battery of criticism from all sides in the history of the game.

Yesterday the Senior Referees' chairman, Gerry Kershaw, of York, pleaded with coaches, officials, players and supporters, to try to understand the nature of the problems which have caused an unexpected and damaging crisis for beleaguered referees.

Kershaw and his senior colleagues accept that, at least temporarily, standards have dropped. Coaches such as Chris Anderson, of Halifax, and Tony Barrow, of Warrington, have lambasted referees in newspapers and on the radio, accusing them of weakness, inconsistency and lack of proper control.

This criticism has been uttered, despite the fact that the by-laws of the game call for such comments to be levelled through official channels and club reports rather than through the Press.

The outspoken Alex Murphy, of St Helens, said: "You can't talk to referees nowadays," a significant comment from a man who, as a player, had a tongue work-rate second to none in dialogue with referees.

Kershaw, always quick to defend his colleagues, is frank in his admission that certain recent performances in the middle have been well below par.

He attributes this to the fact that too many seasoned and experienced senior referees have retired in the past three years, to be replaced by younger men lacking the know-how and maturity that only years of tough experience can bring.

"A few days ago I was looking at a photograph taken at the Senior Referees' annual meeting in 1984" he said. "Believe it or not, but more than half of those men have now left the game, mostly through reaching the retirement age of 50. Good, experienced men like Ronnie Campbell, Derek Fox, Stan Wall, Peter Massey and Vinny Moss have all gone, to be replaced by young men who need time to develop.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, and experience cannot be bought or passed on easily. I plead with coaches to try to understand and show more tolerance and patience. Let them remember the mistakes they made when they were young players, or just starting out as coaches. Our young referees are dedicated, and know the game and laws backwards. They just need time."

Kershaw believes that, instead of launching into furious attacks on referees, coaches should agree to take part in joint meetings at which problems can be discussed and thrashed out. "Senior referees are the best attenders of meetings in the game, but coaches are often too busy to attend," he said.

David Oxley, the secretary-general of the Rugby League, backs the appeal for understanding and tolerance. "All of us, administrators, coaches, players and spectators, should give referees time to reach an acceptable plateau of consistency. Refereeing requires not just experience of the game, but experience of life itself.

● The former St Helens prop forward, Bryan Gelling, and back-row forward, Mark Thomas, have been transfer-listed by Leigh. Gelling at £25,000 and Thomas at £15,000.

CYCLING

Longo refutes drug test results

Grenoble (AP) — World record-holder and champion cyclist, Jeannie Longo, of France, said yesterday that her positive rating in a drug test following a world record in September was due to an herbal therapy treatment she follows.

"It's absurd that I am accused of doping when I'm the most sane athlete about drugs, amphetamines," Longo told a news conference at the city hall of her native city. "I have never wanted to touch forbidden products."

Longo's test was positive in Colorado Spring, following a three-kilometre race. The reports from the American Cycling Federation were received by the French Cycling Federation on Tuesday.

In nine years of cycling, Longo has submitted to numerous tests and never before tested positive. Longo holds more than 10 world records ranging from one kilometre to one hour distances.

She explained that the source of the minute quantites of ephedrine found in her system came from her taking exosuline as part of her program of phytotherapy, herbal medicine treatment, popular in France.

She faces a possible suspension of up to six months by the cycling federations, a decision that would endanger her chances of making the Olympics

FOOTBALL: LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CLEARS PATH FOR ENGLAND REVIVAL AT TOP INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Success without Saturday's injuries

COMMENTARY

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It must be hoped that the Football League management committee are today congratulating themselves on their wisdom in postponing matches last Saturday to assist England's preparation for what proved to be an important victory in Belgrade.

England's qualification for the European finals, albeit with some self-destructive assistance from the Yugoslavs, has provided a fillip to the second half of the season that is of an inestimable long-term value to League clubs, to the campaign for a recall to European competition, and not least to the international prestige of the English game.

It has too often eluded the intellectual grasp of the management committee that England's reputation spreads downwards from the national team, and that in an era when football is in competition among schoolboys with squash, badminton, gymnastics and a dozen or more other sports, the national team is the prime advertising medium for recruitment.

In the years between the wars, England's selectors changed the team on a whim. Since 1946, every England manager from Winterbottom onwards has been plagued by Saturday's injuries: and, worse, by phoney withdrawals by expedient club managers on the excuse of spurious injuries.

If relevant matches are postponed, there are no injuries, real or imaginary. The precedent established this past week is one that must be repeated whenever England have critical cup ties. It is a practice long established among England's rivals, not to mention the increasingly-threatening emerging nations such as Morocco and Algeria. It is scandalous the same courtesy is not extended to our other British teams.

The popular rags were this week previewing the Belgrade match by speculating about Bobby Robson's successor, anticipating another defeat in the light of that in Düsseldorf against West Germany. I admit to half-expecting defeat — a possibility, as we saw in the second half, had the Yugoslavia defence given their attacking players a half-chance — but to contemplate a successor was really mischievous.

Robson is legitimately euphoric, and commendably tolerant of the lunatic fringe of critics. My main argument with his policies was in 1985-86, when fluctuation of selection principles — target forward, more mobile leader; one, two wingers or none — was unintentionally inhibiting. Injuries and the sending off of Wilkins finally, and helpfully, forced his hand in Mexico when faced by first-round elimination, since when the team has stabilized.

Robson has football intelligence, as he demonstrated over a sustained period with Ipswich, yet made the same error when becoming England manager as Revie and Greenwood had done: trying too many alternatives instead of settling on a consistent system and selection as Ramsey did from 1965 to 70.

What Robson now needs is the continuing collaboration of the League, especially during the World Cup qualifying tournament, and his welcome settled selection.

His immediately foreseeable problems are a possible decline in the form of Sansom, a survivor from the 1980 European finals, or Bryan Robson; the inadequacy of Butcher and Adams as a centre-back pair against mobile attackers running off the ball, such as England may meet against the Soviet Union, The Netherlands, Denmark and West Germany next summer; and what to do when Waddle is again fit and an alternative to Steven.

It is unlikely that England can sustain the midfield challenge essential in contemporary football against such opponents as West Germany, Italy and other major contenders with both Barnes and Waddle. The combination of Robson and Webb is beginning to look formidable, and there was no doubting the value of Steven's ceaseless running: a contemporary, if less gifted, Alan Ball.

The dilemma of choosing two from Barnes, Waddle and Steven is a not unhappy one, but the main concern for the European finals must be the vulnerability of the rearguard against the sort of skill which Yugoslavia possess but were never able to marshal.

Now that England have qualified, the value of Bobby Robson's management up till 1990 is continuity. There would be nobody, other than perhaps Bob Paisley, who might immediately do as good or better a job. It was, frankly, highly imprudent of Terry Venables to have included a release clause in his Tottenham contract, for nothing was more likely than such public presumption to turn the FA away from him as a future candidate.

What the manager should now be doing, which every previous England manager has been reluctant to do, is use the European finals as a springboard for the World Cup and not an end in itself.

He should be looking for replacements for Sansom and maybe even Robson, and for alternatives to Butcher and Adams.

Welsh players rush to back their manager

By Clive White

In an unprecedented display of loyalty towards Mike England, the Wales manager, his international squad, led by Kevin Ratcliffe, the captain, has moved smartly to blunt the knives that are bound to be drawn against England after Wales's failure to qualify for the finals of the European Championship.

No sooner had Wales lost 2-0 to Czechoslovakia in Prague on Wednesday, and with the defeat the opportunity to play in next year's finals in West Germany, than Ratcliffe called a Press conference, to put forward the players' feelings about recent events.

They have been seething about remarks made by John Toshack, the former Welsh international now managing Real Sociedad, in a daily newspaper story on Monday.

Toshack was deeply critical of England and said that the Welsh squad were "too cosy and needed a kick up the backside" if they failed to qualify from group six.

Even though this was the fourth consecutive occasion, during England's seven-year reign, that Wales had narrowly missed out on qualifying for the finals of a major championship, the players were anxious that not all the blame be attached to him.

"The players are sick and tired of criticism of Mike England, especially from ex-players," Ratcliffe said. "They say we're too much of a happy family. What do they expect us to do? Go around stabbing each other in the back or criticizing each other in public? We could earn a lot of money doing that but it isn't our way. We're all very good mates and no one can change that.

"We prefer to have Mike as manager than anyone else. We think he's the right man for the job and has done more for Wales in the last seven years than anyone else has done in the last 50. We can't show our appreciation enough. We had the chances to win but we missed them and we've got to take some of the blame."

Ratcliffe was also critical of Alun Evans, the Welsh FA secretary, for describing the Welsh performance against Czechslovakia as "inept" and as for Toshack's opinions he said: "If a player I'd played with, like Mike had with Toshack, said those things about me I'd think seriously about punching him."

Evans has promised that changes will have to be made, though he denies that England's future is certain to be discussed when the Football Association of Wales meet on November 25. He says that he does not believe that England's job is in jeopardy.

Evans, who has clashed with England in the past, said: "There was nothing in the game to suggest it was the manager's fault. There's no point in changing the manager unless you can find someone better."

England, whose contract expires in June, does not appear to have too many challengers. The best of them must be Terry Yorath, the Swansea City manager and Alan Durban, formerly of Cardiff City.

Wales, who have had to eat into their financial reserves in the last year to keep going, will need to make financial cuts of some sort. "We've got to match our finances with our credibility," Evans said. An obvious area of savings would be to scrap the youth team, for the same reason the under-21 side was disbanded

England is keeping his fingers crossed that he can convince some of the members of the committee from South Wales, who oppose him, to give him the chance to take Wales to the World Cup finals in Italy in 1990.



Flying high: Robson is the toast for England's manager and captain after success in Yugoslavia (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Busy Hughes takes a rest

Munich (Reuter) — Mark Hughes, the Bayern Munich forward, enjoyed a well-earned rest yesterday after a hectic dash to play two and a half hours of football for country and club the previous day. Hughes played for Wales in a European Championship qualifying match in Prague and two hours later, appeared here in a West German cup replay.

"It was a busy day," he said. "I was very depressed by the result in Prague but after beating Mönchengladbach I feel a lot better."

Irish plan gesture of thanks

Republic of Ireland officials were yesterday planning to invite Scotland to Dublin early next year as a "gesture of appreciation" for helping them reach the European Championship finals.

The Irish are looking forward to competing in their first major championship finals, after Scotland's unexpected 1-0 victory in Bulgaria left them winners of group seven. And they quickly pencilled in Andy Roxburgh's side as one of their first choices, along with Northern Ireland and Poland, to be offered a friendly on February 17.

The Irish were originally planning to play in Saudia Arabia on that date, but, following a breakdown in negotiations, Jack Charlton, the manager, has been left with the opportunity to begin his build-up for West Germany with tougher opposition.

Scotland, now with three successive victories under their belts, would fit the bill perfectly, and as an Irish spokesman said yesterday: "It would be a gesture of appreciation for Scotland's part in helping us qualify."

The Irish have provisionally arranged to play the Soviet Union and Denmark in Dublin at the end of the season. Both games may have to be cancelled because they, too, have qualified for the European finals.

If those games do not go ahead, Charlton will be hoping to find replacement opposition for both dates. He would like to play three friendlies away from home, preferably in eastern Europe. "They will provide good experience for some of the younger players in the squad," he added.

Officials in the Republic were yesterday starting to evaluate the much-needed boost to their troubled finances which should result from qualification. The Irish will be the poorest of the eight nations competing in West Germany, but the expected return of over £1 million will improve matters considerably.

A diamond more polished than many would believe

By Roddy Forsyth

"Roy Aitken is a horse. He can't pass, he can't head a ball, he can't shoot. Scotland should drop him right away." So said one caller to a phone-in on the BBC Radio Scotland Sportsound programme on Wednesday night, soon after Andy Roxburgh's makeshift side had achieved their unexpected victory in Sofia.

The criticism was not only ungrateful, it was deeply unfair. Yet in Scotland there are still many who feel that Aitken is an ungamely presence on the international stage.

His recently published autobiography bore the inelegant title *Feed the Bear*, referring to the nickname used by Celtic fans to describe their club captain. His famous charges from defence have often driven Celtic from defeat to victory.

Indeed, Parkhead mythology suggests that if Aitken had been with Custer at the Little Big Horn, the seventh cavalry would have got a result.

The alternative view of Roy Aitken makes a dramatic contrast. Gary Mackay, the youthful Heart of Midlothian midfield player who made his debut in Sofia and scored the winning goal three minutes from full time, said yesterday: "He is the perfect captain, an inspiration in the field and a hard worker behind the scenes.

"He had a quiet word with me in the dressing room before I went out on Wednesday just to let me know he'd be keeping an eye on me. Sure enough, when I was on the pitch the big man was always talking to me, coaxing me through the game."

Gary Gillespie, the Liverpool defender recently recruited to Scotland's colours, echoes Mackay's opinion.

"Roy is the best kind of player to have around you. They should call him Mr Reliable because he knows just what his job involves and how everybody else in the team should be doing theirs, and although it might not always be obvious, he is very skilful on the ball."

Gillespie, in his brief Scotland career, has been well placed to watch Aitken at close range. Although he operates in a straightforward central defensive role for Celtic, Aitken sits just in front of the Scotland back four in the midfield sweeper position. His job is to anticipate attacks before they reach the last line of defenders; a task which requires considerable tactical guile.

Under Roxburgh, the Scottish team employs a 4-4-2 formation, but the midfield four are disposed in what the Brazilians call "the magic diamond." One player operates just behind the forwards, two more patrol the flanks, and Aitken is tucked in behind.

If he has sometimes seemed like the rough in the diamond, it is because the first games under Roxburgh saw him play further upfield in a hassling role.

According to the national coach: "I had to play Roy in a rather awkward position. Basically I was not able to ask players to change their roles too much in the early days and Roy had to accommodate other people around him, but now I am able to use him in a more appropriate fashion. He doesn't have to charge around behind the forwards now.

"He works very hard for us because he also has to cover for each of the full backs if they go up field, and he also likes to get forward himself from time to time."

Aitken's importance to the present Scotland regime is emphasized by the fact that he is the only player to have appeared in each of the 10 games under Roxburgh. Seven of those fixtures produced no goals against the Scots who, if they beat Luxembourg in their last European championship qualifying match next month, will have recorded four consecutive victories — a feat last accomplished against European opposition in 1976.

Bingham is optimistic

By Ian Ross

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, is confident he will be able to turn the pessimism of those who suggest he will be unable to lead his side to a third consecutive World Cup finals to his own advantage.

Bingham, in buoyant mood following Wednesday night's slender European Championship win over Turkey in Belfast, believes that his rebuilding programme will be nearing completion before the campaign to reach Italy in 1990 is launched next year.

"After the 1982 World Cup finals people told me in no uncertain terms that they felt it would be impossible for Northern Ireland to qualify again four years later. I never believed them because I felt we could just about do it and I was proved right," he said. "People are now saying the same sort of things again but I still retain an optimistic streak.

"All my problems have not yet been solved but there were a lot of plus points against Turkey. We looked good up front and solid at the back but the midfield must be sorted out before we make an assault on the next World Cup."

Wednesday's win, the first in 10 games,may help them retain second seed status in the World Cup qualifying round draw next month. William Campbell, the assistant secretary of the Irish FA, said: "If we can finish third in our European Championship group and with FIFA taking into account our record of reaching the final stages of the last two World Cups, we might stand a chance of staying second seeds."

The Irish must hope Turkey fail to beat Yugoslavia in their final match next month.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Portugal 0, Switzerland 0. Group four: Northern Ireland 1, Turkey 0; Yugoslavia 1, England 4. Group five: Poland 1, Cyprus 0. Group six: Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0. Group seven: Bulgaria 0, Scotland 1; Belgium 3, Luxembourg 0.
SHADO CUP: First round: Aston Villa 0, Bradford City 5; Oxford United 1, Crystal Palace 0.
FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdrie 3, Partick Thistle 1.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: Group E: Belgium 1, Austria 0.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: Tottenham Hotspur 3, Leyton Orient 1. Second round replay: Chelsea 1, Southampton 4.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Sunderland 2, Oldham 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 0, Southampton 1; Ipswich, Watford 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Hull 2, Bradford 1; Leeds 1, Huddersfield 3. Second division: Blackburn 6, Wigan 0; Darlington 3, Mansfield 0; Scunthorpe 1, York 0; Stoke 1, Bolton 1; West Bromwich Albion 2, Preston 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon 2, Horwich 4; Worksop 5, Buxton 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Postponed: Hounslow v Fareham.
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough 0, Chester-le-Street 0. Second division: Durham 3, Billingham Town 1. Joshua Kettley Challenge Cup: Shildon 3, Norton 1.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Bayern Munich 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 (aet; score after 90 min 1-1).
FRENCH LEAGUE: St Etienne 4, Brest 0; Nantes 1, Toulon 1; Nice 0, Bordeaux 1; Metz 2, Cannes 3; Auxerre 0, Monaco 0; Marseille 1, Montpelier 1; Lens 0, Paris St Germain 0; Le Havre 0, Toulouse 1; Laval 2, Niort 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco 28pts; 2, Bordeaux 25; 3, Matra Racing, 23.
RUGBY UNION: Toshiba County Championship: Hampshire 9, Eastern Counties 9; Lancashire 39, Yorkshire 4; Sussex 4, Hertfordshire 15. Postponed: Middlesex v Surrey. Midlands: Play-offs: North Midlands 51, East Midlands 6; Warwickshire 10, Staffordshire 7. Club matches: Bridgend 0, Glamorgan Wanderers 16; Cardiff 22, Oxford University 27; Gloucester 27, Cheltenham 3; Rosslyn Park 16, UWIST 19; South Wales Police 14, Cross Keys 13. Cancelled: Morley v Kendal.
UAU Championship: Loughborough Students 53, Bradford 6. Scottish Universities' Championship: St Andrews 39, Stirling 3; Glasgow 15, Strathclyde 21; Edinburgh 29, Heriot Watt 6. International match: France 49, Romania 3.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Tour match: French Catalan XIII 18, Papua New Guinea 14.

CRICKET

Australasia will consider joint staging of Cup

Melbourne (Agencies) — Australia and New Zealand are considering the possibility of staging the 1991 World Cup in both countries.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive, David Richards, said the two countries were conducting a feasibility study on the idea and would not make a final decision for some months.

"We've only just started scratching the surface on the practicality of it and it will be early next year before we come to a conclusion on whether to proceed in a detailed fashion," he said in a telephone interview.

Richards said the two countries had been talking about the idea before the recent World Cup, staged in India and Pakistan, which Australia won.

"Now having won it, it would be a bonus to be able to defend it on Australian soil," he said.

He acknowledged that the success of the two-country experiment in the Indian subcontinent had lent weight to the Australasian plans. But he said the chief reason for trying to stage the event in two countries rather than solely in Australia was concern at the large amount of games — 27.

"We feel we would get a better result for world cricket with New Zealand than on our own," Richards said. "It's a lot of cricket on such a large scale and to make it successful, I think you need both countries cooperating."

He said he had heard reports that India and Pakistan, and England, were thinking of also bidding for the Cup when the matter is discussed at a meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) in July.

"It is too early to say whether we will come up with a form or financial basis which is attractive to the rest of the world," Richards added.

Temporary calm at Warwickshire

By Ivo Tennant

For the time being, there should be few further internecine squabbles within Warwickshire Country Cricket Club. The chairman and the general committee were given a vote of confidence by members at the special meeting on Wednesday to continue running the club their way.

There were, though, few among those present prepared to bet against a third special meeting being called within the not too distant future. The committee was given its mandate by only 507 members.

A total of 450 members supported the motion of no confidence in the committee and there were the inevitable abstentions. The new chairman, Bob Evans, was left in no doubt that certain changes had to be made. He admitted as much in his speech, which did much to win the argument.

The crux of the matter is that, although the club's relationship with its members can be improved almost overnight, it will take time to put together a decent side.

Evans said that new ideas and committee members were needed, the youth policy had to be examined afresh and that: "The cricket manager and coaches will have to convince me that the next 10 years will be more successful than the last."

Where, then, lies the future for Bob Willis, requisitioner in chief, who was surprised to be on the receiving end of some personal criticism from Mike Smith?

Willis is a complex person with strongly-held views of the club which he will not drop readily. There will be no place for him now within Edgbaston — Evans confirmed this — and he will return to running his sports promotions business and commentating on the game.

Willis intends, though, still to watch County cricket at Edgbaston and hopes the requisitionists' points will be take into account by the committee.

SQUASH RACKETS

Blotch on a perfect reputation

From Colin McQuillan
New York

Jahangir Khan's North American tour has not, so far, been an entirely happy experience.

Excluded from the Drakkard Noir Canadian Open championship after appearance-money rows, he reached the semi-finals of the Rolex US Open in New York by beating Philip Kenyon, of England, in 45 minutes, but collected in the process the first official warning of his distinguished playing career.

Played on the all-glass Telecourt mounted on the dance-floor of the Palladium discotheque, the US Open quarter-finals were an odd mixture of brilliance and mis-management. Jahangir's was the last match of the day

The first 10 points went to the world No. 1 in a single hand as Kenyon fumbled in the unbalanced dance-floor lighting.

An accidental racket clash on the side wall and a completely missed forehand retrieve on the back wall showed Jahangir's own visibility problems and granted the Englishman a couple of points, but the game went to Jahangir in just six minutes.

The second game was strangely different from the rest. Kenyon began to play a slow, lofted game, perhaps seeking to exploit the uneven shadows, and he slowly built an 8-4 lead. Then the referee, Rod George, trenchantly called double bounce on a pick-up Jahangir plainly considered clean.

A no-let call immediately after so surprised Khan that he beat sternly upon the back wall with the butt of his racket. George's reaction was almost instantaneous: "That is a warning Jahangir," he proclaimed.

It was the unfortunate Kenyon who paid the price. Jahangir went on in total silence to lose that second game in 21 minutes, but crashed through the next in 10 minutes for the loss of only five points.

QUARTER-FINALS: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Kenyon (GB), 15-2, 10-15, 15-1, 15-4; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Robertson (Aus), 9-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-2, 15-13; C Dittmar (Aus) bt Q Zaman (Pak), 15-8, 15-4, 15-7; R Norman (NZ) bt R Martin (Aus), 14-17, 15-6, 17-16, 15-7.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Television money withdrawn

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Channel 4 yesterday promised that its coverage of American football will continue in spite of the sudden withdrawal of sponsorship worth more than £100,000 by Budweiser.

The US Anheuser-Busch beermakers pulled out of backing the Sunday programmes with audiences of up to three million because of complaints that its brand name received "scanty" publicity and criticism of the quality of programme production.

Budweiser have been backing Channel 4 coverage for two and a half seasons and the cash has paid for a substantial share of the programme costs.

"We don't enter into sponsorship deals unless someone is prepared to pay over 20 per cent of the costs," a Channel 4 spokesman said. "We will be looking for other people to take up that sponsorship. But the programmes won't come off the air if we don't find a sponsor."

Budweiser intend to carry on sponsoring the British League of American football clubs along with other major American football events in the UK.

It is believed the beer manufacturers were not completely satisfied with Angelo Abela and Andy Smart, who presented the the Channel 4 programme."Our guys were not entirely happy with the quality of the whole package," one company source said yesterday.

Budweiser also had doubts about audience figures in recent months. But last night Channel 4 insisted that overall, there had been no significant change.

The amount of exposure given to a sponsor's products on programmes is governed by TV station guidelines.

"Budweiser's contract said what the exposure should be but they always wanted more," the Channel 4 spokesman added. "They had the maximum amount

RUGBY UNION

Romanian forwards defect

From David Hands Rugby Correspondent Agen

Two members of the Romanian national rugby team, which played France here on Wednesday, defected during the night and have asked for political asylum in France. One of the, two, Laurentiu Constantin, a lock, is probably his country's best forward.

Constantin disappeared from the team hotel after the official banquet at the offices of the Credit Agricole, the bank which sponsored Wednesday's match and which the Romanians lost 49-3. The second player, Victor Avram, the reserve hooker, disappeared during the banquet itself.

The Romanian party left here by train early yesterday. Later Avram, aged 21 and unmarried, staged a conference at which he described his decision as taken on the spur of the moment. He and Constantin, aged 24 and is married with a son, shared a room in the team hotel but appear to have acted independently since Constantin left a note asking his colleague to take a present home for his child.

Both men were members of Steaua Bucharest, which is an army club. Details of Constantin's defection have linked him with the Biarritz Rugby Club, three of whose members were playing for France on Wednesday.

There have been other recent sporting defections from Romania, possibly a reflection of the country's grave economic situation. During the last two months Tudor Jacob, a leading weightlifter, and Gheorgi Condovici, a gymnastics coach, took advantage of travel to major championships in Europe to ask for asylum.

In rugby terms, the first major figure to defect was Luric, a prop forward, over 30 years ago, who subsequently played for the Harlequins. Three years ago, Mihai Bucos, a full back, defected during a club tour in France, and a year later, Petrica Motrescu, a wing, took advantage of a rugby visit to Italy to leave home.

Olympic duty

Joe Hanrahan, a former Manchester United player, is included in the Republic of Ireland squad — comprising League of Ireland players only — for the Olympic qualifying tie against France, at Dalymount Park on November 18.

SQUAD: D O'Neill (Bohemians), A O'Neill (Dundalk), Kenny, Eccles, Doolin, Neville, P Byrne, Brady, Larkin, Hanrahan (all Shamrock Rovers), Power, Bennett (both Waterford United), Bonner, Mannion (both Galway United), Lawlor, Kehoe, Gorman (all Dundalk), J Byrne, Jameston (both Bohemians), Barry (Cork City).

RACKETS

Amateur pair take the final honours

Thomas Brudenell and James Male overcame the professional pair of Shannon Hazell, of Clifton, and Stephen Tulley, of Charterhouse, by 9-15, 8-15, 17-15, 15-10, 4-15, 15-8, 15-12, in an exhilarating Celestion Invitation Doubles final at Queen's Club on Wednesday (William Stephens writes).

Hazell and Tulley took initial control to lead 2-0 and 9-0 before the amateurs set about eroding the deficit with Brudenell displaying quick reflexes in rallies of fierce pace at the front of the court.

When Hazell and Tulley led 3-2, their opponents mounted a challenge which induced unforced errors from the professionals — Hazell trying risky angled drop shots which failed.

At 3-3 Hazell and Tulley led 10-2 but the amateurs increased the pressure

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

BLETCHLEY: Amateur international: England 7, Ireland 5: (England names first): Light-flyweight: M Egton (Maxborough) bt P O'Halloran (Limerick), rsc 2nd. Flyweight: J Armour (St Mary's, Chatham) lost to P Buttimer (Sunnyside, Cork), pts. Bantam: K Robson (South Shields) lost to R Nash (St Mary's, Derry), pts. Feather: P English (Gallagher Boys) bt J Kilroy (Holy Family, Drogheda), pts: C McMillan (Barlung) lost to C Carlton (Oliver Plunkett, Belfast), pts. Light: M Ayers (All Stars) lost to M Curruth (Drimnagh, Dublin), pts. Light-welter: M Elliot (SKN Sankey) bt G Joyce (Sunnyside, Cork), pts. Welter: T Morrell (Humberside Police) bt B Walsh (St Josephs, Waterford), pts. Light-middle: N Brown (Burton Boys) lost to K Joyce (Sunnyside, Cork), pts. Middle: H Wharton (St Patricks, Leeds) bt R Close (Ledley Hall, Belfast) rsc. 1st. Light-heavy: M Gale (Compton Arms) bt J O'Sullivan (St Patrick's, Enniscorthy), pts. Heavy: H Akinwande (Lmn) bt P Douglas (Holy Family, Belfast), pts.

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Men's Grand Prix tournament: Second round: B Gilbert (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; D Gokke (US) bt G Holmes (US), 6-4, 6-3; O Rossagro (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 6-4, J Gomez (Ec) bt R Reneberg (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; N Kroon (Swe) bt M Wilander (Swe), 7-5, 6-3.
CHICAGO: Virginia Slims women's tournament: First round: K Compert (US) bt P Casale (US), 6-2, 6-3; M Daniels (US) bt N Bykova (USSR), 6-3, 6-3; Z Garrison (US), bt I Kuczynska (Pol), 7-5, 6-2; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-3, 6-2. Second round: M Navratilova (US) bt M Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-3; N Zvereva (USSR) bt Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-4, 6-2; B Potter (US) bt K Adams (US), 6-2, 6-4

BOWLS

COUNTY INDOOR MATCHES: Bletchley: Buckinghamshire 92, Bedfordshire 147. **BRISTOL:** Gloucestershire 115, Northamptonshire 106.

ETON FIVES

HIGHGATE: Club match: Citizens 0, Reptonians 3 (First pair, A Carrer and W Wass lost to J Luddy and R Wood 0-3; second pair D Amato and L O'Brien lost to J Carr and J Frost 0-3, third pair, T Brooks and G Israel lost to N Dawdson and J Preston 1-3)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford Whalers 0, Montreal Canadiens 0 (OT); Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Washington Capitals 2; Boston Bruins 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Chicago Blackhawks 6, Detroit Red Wings 3, Calgary Flames 4, Minnesota North Stars 3; Buffalo Sabres 4, Vancouver Canucks 4 (OT).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 120, Indiana Pacers 106, Milwaukee Bucks 109, Cleveland Cavaliers 101; Atlanta Hawks 94, New York Knicks 93, Utah Jazz 121, Dallas Mavericks 92; Golden State Warriors 130, Phoenix Suns 115, Chicago Bulls 105, New Jersey Nets 96

TENPIN BOWLING

KUALA LUMPUR: World Cup: Men (after 24 games): 1, P Dubois (Fr), 4,603 2. R Fornasari (It), 4,541 3. T Diesener (WG) 4,499 Women's round-robin (after eight games): 1, I Gronert (Netm), 1,673 2, H-M Linc (Fm), 1,652, 3. C Aguiar (Ven), 1,605.

FOOTBALL

SPANISH CUP: Third round, first leg: Sestao 0, Real Madrid 0, Lineres 0, Athletic Bilbao 2, Barcelona 2, Murcia 0; Huelva 1, Cadiz 3, Celta 1, Zaragoza 0; Castellon 1, Racing Santander 0, Valladolid 0, Osasuna 0, Valencia 0, Seville 0; Hercules 2, Espanol 3, Figueras 1, Sabadell 0; Elderse 0, Real Betis 0
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP: Queen Park Shield: Edinburgh 4, Glasgow 0; St Andrews 0 Aberdeen 7

Wilander surprise

Frankfurt — Niklas Kroon, a qualifier, defeated his countryman and top seed, Mats Wilander, 7-5, 6-3 in the second round of the Frankfurt Cup tennis tournament yesterday. Kroon, aged 17, needed little more than an hour to dispatch Wilander. "Kroon's play was unbelievable," Wilander said.

Title date

Norfolk, Virginia — Pernell "Sweetpea" Whitaker, a 1984 Olympic gold medal winner, will face Jose Luis Ramirez in Paris in March for the World Boxing Council's lightweight crown. Whitaker has a 14-0 win record, including seven knockouts.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Mass fines for brawling in league match

Thirteen players, seven from Castleford and six from Hull, were fined £50 at yesterday's disciplinary committee meeting in Leeds for having a brawl in a league match on October 25 (Keith Macklin writes).

The Castleford players were Plange, Hyde, Bob Beardmore, Fifita, Ketteridge, Ward, and Joyner, and from Hull Fletcher, Leuluai, Pearce, Windley, Jackson, and Regan. Dannatt, also Hull, appeared at a previous disciplinary hearing.

Another brawl brought Conway and Hobkinson, of Wakefield Trinity, and Burney and Ackerman, of Whitehaven, £30 fines for their behaviour in the league match at Wakefield.

Des Drummond, the Great Britain winger, who plays for Warrington, was suspended for one match for three sin bin offences.

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The Netherlands forfeit victory

Zurich (AP) — UEFA yesterday ruled that The Netherlands' 8-0 victory over Cyprus in a group five European Championship qualifying match on October 28, during which a smoke bomb was thrown at the Cypriot goalkeeper, should be forfeited, with the match awarded 3-0 to Cyprus.

The decision means that the Greece-Netherlands match on December 16 will decide which of the two teams will go to next year's finals in West Germany, with the Greeks needing to win. Previously The Netherlands were assured of qualification, although Cyprus remain out of the running.

However, Andre van der Louw, the vice-president of the Dutch Football Federation, immediately announced that an appeal would be lodged with a UEFA jury.

In addition to the forfeiture, the UEFA panel announced that the Rotterdam stadium, where the game took place, will be barred from staging European games until July 31, 1990.

The Dutch Federation was also fined 10,000 Swiss francs (about £4,500), with the Cypriots fined 40,000 Swiss francs (about £18,000).The UEFA spokesman, Rudolf Rothenbuehler, said the reasoning behind the fines would be announced today.

Christos Triantafyllides, the president of the Cypriot federation, said: "We are pleased and happy that our protest has been decided favourably. Hooliganism must be stopped by UEFA. The decision is a vindication." He added that a decision would be taken later whether the Cypriots would appeal against the fine, as the reasons behind it were not yet known.

The manager of The Netherlands, Rinus Michels, said on Dutch television yesterday: "From the sportsman's footballing point of view I find it extremely hard that something which has nothing to do with football can have such an effect. I also find it hard that Greece now have a better chance of going to West Germany."

The panel's decision was taken after reports had been submitted by the referee and the UEFA match observer.

● MADRID: The Real Madrid forward, Hugo Sanchez, had 11 stitches inserted in a head wound after being hit by a champagne bottle thrown by an opposing supporter during a Spanish Cup match against Sestao on Wednesday (Reuter reports).

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	7	4	2	1	8	4	10
Greece	7	4	1	2	12	10	9
Poland	8	3	2	3	9	11	8
Hungary	7	3	0	4	12	11	6
Cyprus	7	1	1	5	6	113	

REMAINING MATCHES: Dec 2: Hungary v Cyprus. Dec 12: Greece v Netherlands.

Argentina back on the agenda for England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

England could yet warm up for the finals of the European Championship by taking on Argentina, the world champions.

The Football Association announced earlier this week that they felt it was "not the right time" for England to play here against the South Americans for the Rous Cup, and invited France to fill the place taken last May by Brazil. But no reply has yet been received and Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said yesterday that "time is running out."

He will contact the French authorities this weekend and if the answer is negative, Argentina may again be seen as the most attractive opponents.

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Croker admitted that "they have, in the light of the correspondence between ourselves and the Home Office being published, come back into the picture."

There would be few other suitable alternatives apart from the losers in tomorrow's decisive tie between Italy, the probably qualifiers from group two and Sweden. The other continental choices are either too weak, have reached the finals or are already on England's forthcoming schedule.

It will open in Israel in February and continue at home against The Netherlands in March. Portugal, who are no longer in contention for the European Championship, are expected to act as hosts in April. A few days after the Rous Cup, England will travel, almost certainly to Switzerland.

Bobby Robson, who welcomed the initial proposal of a game against Argentina, has his eyes on establishing a fourth landmark on foreign fields. He feels that England, who had never won in Brazil until 1984 or in the Soviet Union until 1986 or in Yugoslavia until Wednesday night, could claim the European crown for the first time.

The stunning 4-1 victory in Belgrade Robson says has "put everybody in good heart and, without raging about it, we are quietly confident that we might have a chance." As he was speaking, moments after the flight home, he learned that the odds had been significantly improved by UEFA's seeding committee.

England's record in the European Championship qualifying competition, which cannot now be surpassed by any other nation, and in the last World Cup has earned them the right to lead one of the two groups of four teams next summer. The other will be headed by the hosts, West Germany.

The fear now is that the squad, who benefited so unmistakeably from their extended rest, will be suffering from mental fatigue if not physical injury when they arrive in Germany in June.

Bobby Robson revealed that some members of the party were "not fully fit on Friday but had they been with their clubs, they would probably have played." If we hadn't had the weekend off, their appetites wouldn't have been so sharp either. Their freshness was self-evident. They were all ready to go for the throat.

"The officials travelling with us must have recognized that. They should be proud of the way we represented them because the players, after all, are from the Football League. Apart from everything else, because we assemble so infrequently, we need time together for everybody to feel comfortable with each other."

Qualifiers for 1988

HOSTS: West Germany
GROUP 1: Spain or Romania
GROUP 2: Italy or Sweden
GROUP 3: Soviet Union
GROUP 4: England
GROUP 5: The Netherlands or Greece
GROUP 6: Denmark
GROUP 7: Republic of Ireland

He recalled that on the only other occasion his men were similarly given time to relax, four years ago, they won 3-0 in Hungary. But, as well as being trapped inside the unreasonably heavy and prolonged domestic programme, they will be summoned for half a dozen practice matches within four months.

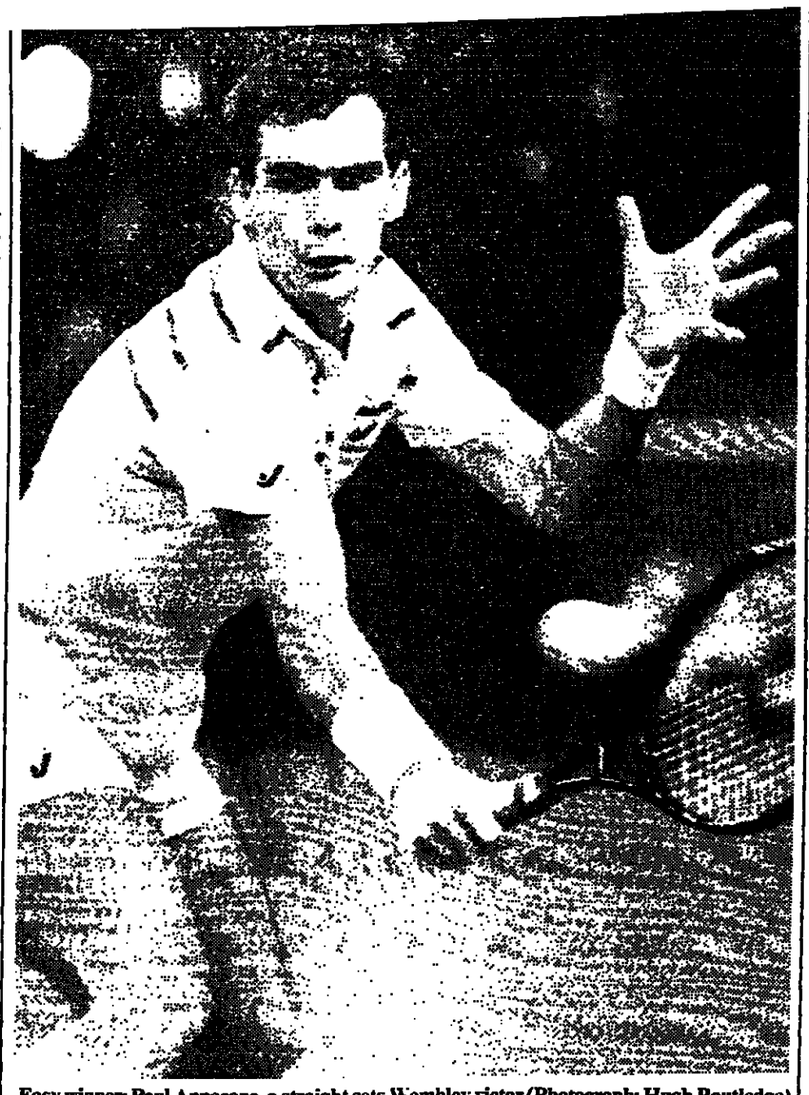
Although Robson will retain most, if not all, of his squad, he intends to introduce one or two newcomers "because we may need them if we have a long run in the finals." Davis and Rocastle are among the candidates, especially after their contribution to the under-21 side's 5-1 victory in midweek.

Robson pointed out that — as Beardsley did before the World Cup — a player could come rapidly into contention, but his line-up appears to be complete. Adams, who in Belgrade scored his first international goal, and Webb are the two pieces who have been fitted into a jigsaw that was almost flawless.

"We over-indulged and slackened off," Robson said, "and I was disappointed about the goal we gave away. If we had been losing and Barnes had missed that chance early in the second half, I would have gone on to the pitch and throttled him. He must sustain his performances but he is becoming a true international player."

His mission complete, England's manager looked back on a memorable trip to Yugoslavia with both the under-21 and senior sides. "If we had lost those two games by the same margin, 9-2, everybody would have said that we are short on technique and the tactics are wrong. But we were in a different class to one of the nations we have always admired."

Off duty for a couple of months, he can afford to enjoy the view from the top of the European merit table. In the distance he can see England collecting their first trophy for 22 years and the first ever to be gained on foreign soil.



Easy winner: Paul Annacone, a straight sets Wembley victor (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

A Muscovite founders without all flags flying

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Pat Cash, who is unusual among Wimbledon champions in that he ranks only seventh in the world, advanced to the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges championships by beating Andrei Chesnokov 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in a commonplace, rather listless match at Wembley yesterday.

Both men often gave the impression that they had played more than enough tennis for one year.

There were many mishits, especially from the Muscovite. Maybe he had been disconcerted by the absence of the Soviet Union's flag from the array round the court. The official reason for the deficiency is that no great effort is made to match flags with competitors. The unofficial reason is that the Soviet flag had never been needed at Wembley before and may never be needed there again.

Even if the tournament continues — a prospect clouded by the promotion of a rival event in Stuttgart during the same week next year — we cannot be sure that Soviet players will stay on the circuit once the Olympics are over. The brashly commercial private enterprise of professional tennis hardly fits in with the priorities of their political bosses.

Chesnokov, aged 21, has deeply set eyes, looks bashfully boyish, and has the weary walk of some soldier in a retreating army. If there is any aggressive self-confidence within him, he hides it well. He is a shy, charming man and his game — when more finely tuned than it was yesterday — is methodical and remorselessly tidy.

Chesnokov's talent was noted when he was still a child. He took up the game at the age of eight but broke his racket arm a year later when he fell out of a tree — reassuring evidence that, whatever their nationalities, boys will be boys.

He gave up the game for a while and, when his grandmother talked him into one of the earliest comebacks on record, had to play left-handed until his right arm had regained its strength.

Cash had won a tough match with Jonas Svensson the previous evening and played as if mind and legs needed a rest more than they needed Chesnokov. A loose patch cost Cash the second set but, overall, he played as well as he had to.

The last point was bizarre, because Cash hit a forehand volley out but there was no call. Chesnokov casually lobbed the ball back — that shot was out, too — and Cash was awarded the match. Cash was apologetic. In defence of the court officials, one might suggest that the imperfections of the match were ultimately infectious.

It was that sort of afternoon. Paul Annacone beat Christo van Rensburg 6-2, 6-2 in another lacklustre match. These two have played together so often, in singles and doubles, that they had nothing new to say to each other.

Nor was Anders Jarryd's 6-4, 6-3 win over Claudio Mezzadri an occasion to stay green in the memory. Jarryd, mind you, is never boring. He is a springy chap, the most volatile of the leading Swedes. His game has just a hint of frenzy about it. Mezzadri, who is both Italian and Swiss, is basically Swiss in method — that is, neat and practical. But there is an Italian flair for flamboyance in his penchant for hitting cross-court forehands from one backhand court to the other.

We could do with more of that sort of idiosyncrasy in professional tennis these days. One also misses the playful exchanges and sporadic banter that punctuated many matches in the old amateur and shamateur days. Today's professionals tend to be relentlessly serious, even glum. It should be possible to do a good day's work and have a little fun at the same time.

RESULTS: First round: I Lendl (Czech) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-2, 6-1. Second round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt C Mezzadri (Swi), 6-4, 6-3; P Annacone (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-2, 6-2; P Cash (Aus) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-4,3-6,6-3.

Soviets march into the final

The final of the LTA women's indoor tournament in Eastbourne sees Natalia Medvedeva face Eugenia Maniukova, an all Soviet affair.

Maniukova defeated Hester Witvoet, the No. 3 seed from The Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 after a fascinating baseline battle and Medvedeva reached her second final in a fortnight by dominating Catrin Jesell, of Sweden 6-0, 6-4.

Joy Tacon, of Norfolk, joined Pascale Etchemendy, of France, in the doubles final with a 5-7, 7-5, 7-5 win over Ingrid Peltzer and Pamela Wallenfels, of West Germany.

SEMI-FINALS: N Medvedeva (USSR) bt J Jevell (Swe), 6-0, 6-4; E Maniukova (USSR) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 6-4, 7-6.

END COLUMN

Playing the wrong game

By Mike Fennell

President of the Jamaican Olympic Association

The decline of British influence in international sport is a matter of concern to all countries, not just to Britain, and the committee set up by the Central Council of Physical Recreation to investigate the reasons for that decline will have to ask itself some searching and tough questions. Last week I was invited from Jamaica by the CCPR to help pose some of those questions.

My comments should not be taken as commands, or even as criticisms. I would not be so impolite. They are suggestions based on the premise that Britain wants to try to re-establish the position in international sports leadership it held for so many years.

Britain has a natural instinct for order and fair play, which the world still respects. It has produced a number of great sports leaders, from the Marquis of Exeter to Sir Denis Follows, but look around now and there are fewer and fewer candidates in a position to perpetuate those virtues. Why is that?

Perhaps it is a matter of attitude. There are many people who feel that Britain is not showing sufficient interest in international sport. The balance of power is changing in world sport and I am not sure Britain has realized that fully.

It is no longer a question of sitting on the outside and hoping to maintain your influence: you have to go out into the world and, to use a current sporting term, get stuck in.

It was not just a coincidence that, whereas Barcelona could rely on support from virtually all the Spanish-speaking countries in the world, Birmingham could not count on support from its former colonies. Juan Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, has visited almost every country in the Olympic movement over the past few years. He has established a strong emotional contact and a relationship which he uses to the fullest.

British administrators, I think, regard such lobbying as "not cricket" but in the world of international sport it is now



Fennell: "get stuck in"

a fact of life. I did not know, for example, that Sheffield was bidding for the World Student Games in 1991. Perhaps that tells you something.

Sports leaders not only have to see but have to be seen. The new style of leadership in sport is based on charisma and style. That does not mean there has to be compromise on standards, far from it, but with more countries exerting more influence on international committees you have to work that much harder, travel that much more frequently and lobby that much stronger to establish your reputation. Britain has to decide whether it wants to play the game by those rules.

As a country, I think Britain still tends to regard sports administration as something done in your spare time. It is a perfectly valid point of view, but it will not win friends and influence people.

Like it or not, sport is a way of exercising political influence and it is naive to believe otherwise. Yet sport seems to get limited Government funds and even more limited support.

The Commonwealth Games last year was a supreme example. The boycott could perhaps — and I stress the word "perhaps" — have been avoided with slightly less of the "take it or leave it" attitude.

The Government's hard line on South Africa has made it very difficult, but that has made it even more important for your sports leaders to go out and market their position positively in terms of what they can contribute to sport, not just to sit back and complain.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that Governments are now supporting their sports leaders to take up certain positions and it is naive to think otherwise.

Perhaps you have waited too long for Mohammed to come to the mountain and now is the time for the mountain to move. Britain brought sport to the world, but it cannot expect to hang on to it for ever.

Welcome to English supporters

By Ian Stafford

The England and West German Football authorities will shortly begin summit meetings to discuss security arrangements for next year's European Championship.

German football and police authorities believe that they will be able to handle any problems that England football supporters could cause, and although the English FA will keep close tabs on all crowd control measures, they foresee no trouble as tickets are expected to be available on the day England play their matches.

"English supporters were well-behaved at the Spain and Mexico World Cups. I expect the same for the European championship in West Germany," Ted Croker, the FA's secretary, said. "I do not consider the security problem so great concerning tournaments.

"Supporters are more conservative in spending their money because they will have to stay for 15 days if England make the final. They will then have to cut back on buying alcohol. We have faced problems in the past, but I firmly believe that there is now a huge public awareness that it is terribly important to behave at matches, especially at the European Championship.

"It seems unlikely that most of the matches will be played to capacity crowds, so it is expected that tickets will be sold on the day of a match. If our successful control of crowd trouble continues at home I am hoping English clubs will be allowed back into European competition next spring before the international tournament begins."

Croker is aware, however, that UEFA will not hesitate to take damaging action if there is any sign of hooliganism, made plain yesterday by its decision to overturn a Dutch win against Cyprus after a smoke grenade was thrown at the Cypriot goalkeeper.

"We know we will be on a knife-edge and, even if our clubs are invited back to Europe next year, we can easily be banned again.

"At present we do not know whether the FA or agents will be distributing tickets, but we have an assurance that they will not be given to agents without our permission. We do not intend to tell the Germans how to run their competition, but we will strongly suggest that closed circuit television, after its success at the friendly match between England and West Germany in September in Düsseldorf, should be incorporated at other grounds."

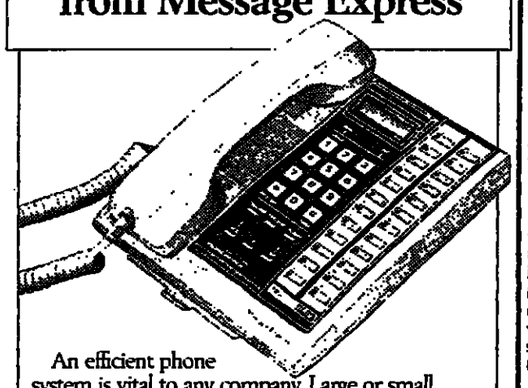
Les Walker, the FA's advisor on crowd control, and Croker will meet with their German counterparts to look at the stadiums England will use, at Düsseldorf, Frankfurt and Stuttgart.

There is a feeling of confidence within West Germany. "We will be in close contact with the English by the New Year with regards to security measures and we are sure we will cope with any problems that may present themselves," Wilfred Gerhard, the general secretary of the West German Football Association, said.

"The match in Düsseldorf in September proved very successful and we are delighted England will be competing."

His sentiments were echoed by the German police. "We have never seen much trouble here, but we will be well-prepared just in case," a senior officer of the Düsseldorf police force said.

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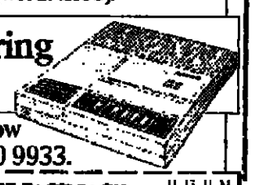
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Norwich City agree to £400,000 fee for Fleck

Norwich City have agreed a £400,000 fee with Rangers for unsettled forward, Robert Fleck. But the deal for the 22-year-old must be delayed as Rangers first want to complete a signing of their own, before releasing Fleck for any move away from Ibrox.

Earlier this week, Fleck had talks with the Watford manager, Dave Bassett.

● Carlisle United have dismissed their manager, Harry Gregg, only a week after the board had declined his offer of resignation

● Lincoln City and Barnet will be told next week the result of yesterday's Football Association inquiry into their GM Vauxhall Conference match last month, when police had to separate players who were fighting on the pitch (Paul Newman writes).

A three-man disciplinary commission watched a video recording of the incident and heard evidence from the referee and representatives of the police and the two clubs.

● The former Queen's Park Rangers and Chelsea midfield player, Mike Fillery, is up for sale four months after Alan Ball signed him for Portsmouth. Fillery is among nine players transfer-listed by Ball on Tuesday.

● Bradford City, the second division leaders, yesterday signed the 18-year-old Liverpool reserve defender, Steve Staunton, on a month's loan.

● The Football League's anti-hooligan committee meeting at Goodison Park yesterday firmly rejected the recent suggestion of the Sports Minister, Colin Moynihan, calling for the breathalysing of supporters.

Sports bodies at loggerheads

The administration of British sport reached its lowest ebb last night with the acrimonious breakdown of funding negotiations between the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) and the Sports Council (Ian Stafford writes).

The Sports Council's contribution to the CCPR's 1986/7 budget and their general funding obligation has failed to reach an agreement and the CCPR will now invoke the arbitration procedure set out between the two organizations in 1972. The CCPR has instructed its lawyers to take immediate action.

In wider terms, the CCPR has decided to attack what it sees as a reduction in its grants and power by the Sports Council. It plans to submit an explanation of the composition and responsibilities of governing bodies, with emphasis on the value for money and voluntary service they create, to Mrs Thatcher, Neil Kinnock and David Steel. "It is incomprehensible that the Government and Sports Council should seek to frustrate the development of sport devised by the governing bodies," Peter Lawson, the CCPR's general secretary, said.

The Government expressed its disappointment at the CCPR's decision. "I am very concerned to hear that negotiations have broken down," Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

French in the wars

Bruce French, the England wicketkeeper, needed stitches above his left eye after being hit by a spectator's return in practice in Lahore yesterday. And his bad luck did not end there. A car struck his legs when he arrived at hospital — and then he banged his head on a light fitting after the original treatment.

His chances of being fit for tomorrow's opening fixture are rated as 50-50 by manager Micky Stewart.

Double treat

Riyadh, (Reuter) — Diego Maradona scored twice for Al-Ahli, of Saudi Arabia, as they beat Broendby of Denmark 5-2 in a friendly match on Wednesday.



Gooch: hole in one

Ace for Gooch

Calcutta (AP) — Graham Gooch, the England opening batsman, proved his worth as a golfer by scoring a hole in one while playing at the Tollygunge Golf Club here on Wednesday. Gooch had his name added to the list of holders of this rare feat in the club's honour roll.

Firm stance

Barry McGuigan yesterday scotched rumours that he had immediate plans to return to boxing. He issued a statement saying: "My decision stands that I will make no decision until the end of the year whether or not I will box again."

Master touch

New York, (Reuter) — Boris Becker, the double finalist and Jimmy Connors, the 1978 champion, are the fifth and sixth players to qualify for the Masters tournament.

Club stumped

Somerset County Cricket Club have lost their main sponsor of the last three years, Woolca Lambskins, who are to concentrate on marketing exports.

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